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Dear Reader,

Prior to August 15, 1947, India was known as a dependency. We were supposed to be dependent on the British for our welfare, while in fact the opposite was the truth!

Now, as a country we are politically independent, but as individuals we are very much dependent on our own government. Millions of ration cards under the public distribution system, freebies, jobs, income certificates, community certificates... we have to look up to the government for so many needs. Unless and until this dependency becomes unnecessary, we are not truly independent. Our country must prosper by utilising our land and man power to produce food and industrial goods. Every citizen should have sufficient



Independence and Interdependence

income so that he can look after his family and not be dependent on the government. This is the real goal of democracy.

Interdependence is another matter. Not only society but nations too are interdependent. U.S.A. needs our I.T. work force and we need U.S. aid in several areas. The economy of entire Europe is interdependent over various countries in the continent. As for society, even to keep our surroundings clean and tidy, co-operation is required. All of us have to work towards the two goals of real independence and healthy interdependence.

- Editor

Dear Mankind,

We have known each other for thousands of years now. You ran, jumped, and swam without care in my lap (Nature). You spoke of me as your 'home', and it gave me immense joy when you called me 'Mother Earth'. I felt blessed that I existed on me.

But time passed and you slowly stopped caring for me. You saw my beauty as a barrier to your progress. You began to indiscriminately drill my mountains and valleys. You started to chop my forests, and you even changed the direction of my rivers and filled my seas with waste! You killed and are still killing your fellow beings (animals/birds). My heart pained these but I let you kill me, bit by bit...

Soon places that were once lush green fields turned into endless barren

lands, forests were not to be seen, air was no more clean, rivers no more gushed with clean, pure water. Global warming became a buzz word! Pollution increased

many times over! Water became scarce! And life has become so difficult that you are now exploring other liveable planets, leaving me alone in these horrifying conditions!!!

But...in the midst of this shadow of darkness, there is a ray of hope. Some of you have slowly woken up to the fact that it is not possible to live peacefully if you

A letter from Mother Earth



do not take care of me. My dear children, take a pledge today to help make me green and lush once again and I will promise you endless happiness and good health.

*Your dear mother,
Planet Earth*

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event called '*stadion*'. Slowly other events such as jumping and throwing were included in its ambit. These sports are held to test a person's stamina, fitness, agility, flexibility, speed and strength. Athletic sports/ events are compulsorily held in most of the educational institutions throughout the world. Many students gain entry into colleges based on their sporting abilities. In India, a percentage of government jobs are reserved for the country's best athletes. The International

Are you

Athletics

Athletics is the name for all sporting events including running, jumping, throwing and walking. The simplicity of these competitions and the lack of need for expensive equipment make them one of the most commonly competed sports in the world. They are the backbone of Olympics and attract maximum participation and viewership.

The term athletics is derived from the Greek word '*athlo*', meaning 'contest'. The only event at the first ancient Olympics in 776 BC was a stadium-length running

Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) is the worldwide governing body. Track and field events, road running, cross-country running and race walking – these are the four major categories in athletic competitions. All athletic events are individual competitions with the exception of relay races. The most prestigious of these events is the 100m race, decides the fastest man/ woman on the planet.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your running shoes and race away to glory!

- RP

Kabbadi

There are a few games that are indigenous to some countries. Kabbadi is one that originated in India. It is very popular in the rural parts of the country. It is the state game of Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The game is played between two teams consisting of seven members each. A player from one team is sent into the opponent's team to touch any member of that team. This person is called the 'raider'. The opposing team members will form a chain by holding hands and try to pin

down the raider. The raider, after touching an opponent has to return to home ground, all the while holding his breath, which is a crucial aspect of the game. The raider does this by constantly chanting the word 'kabaddi'. If the raider is successful his team gets a point; if not, the opposite team gets one. At the end of the game, the team with the maximum points is the winner. The game is divided

into two halves of 20 minutes each. It was included for the first time in the Asian Games

game ... ?



in Beijing in 1990 and is slowly gaining international popularity since then.

Snake Boat Race

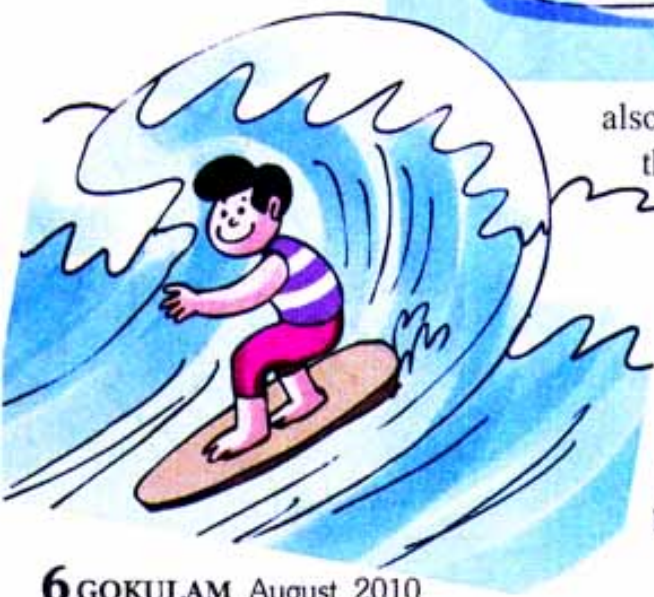
The snake boat race is a major sporting event in the South Indian state of Kerala. These races are conducted during the harvest festival 'Onam' in the months of Aug/ Sep. These boats are around 120 feet in length and the rear portion towers to a height of about 20 feet. They resemble a snake with its hood raised and hence the name. The boats are beautifully decorated with colourful umbrellas, flags and lace. The fast moving boats resemble the movements of a snake. These races are a major tourist event. Each boat is headed by four helmsmen

and has around 100-120 rowers. A few singers also stand among the oarsmen and act as cheerleader. The oarsmen row the boat according to the rhythm of the song. The Nehru Trophy boat race is held on the second Saturday of August every year and a number of teams participate in this spectacular event.

- Nidhi Shetty, Std.X, MTI
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Surfing

Surfing is the sport of riding on the crest or along the tunnel of a wave. It



also known as surfboarding. It was the favourite pastime of the ancient Polynesian islanders. In the 20th century it became a sport enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. Surfers originally used long cumbersome wooden boards but now light-weight synthetic boards that allow a great

degree of manoeuvrability are used. The surfer begins at the point where the waves begin to form, then facing the shore paddles towards the beach with an oncoming wave. When the wave catches the board the surfer stands up and glides along the wave's crest. It is one of the most thrilling sports. New inventions such as wet suits and safety leashes have added to this sports' popularity.

B a l a n c e



Balance plays a crucial role while standing on a surfboard. Those who want to take up this sport need to perform regular balance training exercises. Popular surfing destinations include Hawaii, California, Florida, Ireland, Australia and Costa Rica. There are many surf schools and surf camps located in these places that offer lessons in surfing.

**- Drishya Mohan, Std.X,
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Sky Diving

Can you imagine jumping out of an airborne plane? Well sky divers do just that! Sky diving is an adventure sport in which

participants jump down from a small aeroplane, helicopter or a hot air balloon with nothing but a parachute strapped to their backs. They jump down from about 13,000 feet and free-fall for a minute before activating their parachutes at about 2500 feet above ground level. A group of skydivers sometimes jump together to form patterns in the sky. Sometimes they also open their parachutes as soon as they jump and do

formations with their canopies stacked one on top of the other. Skydiving, in addition to being a competitive sport and recreational activity, is also used extensively by military to drop their personnel in war zones and during emergency rescue operations.

**- Preeti Priyadarsini,
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Son: Have you got holes in your socks?

Father: Certainly, not.

Son: Then how do you get your feet in them?



Postal Clerk: This envelope needs additional stamps as it weighs more.

Sonu: Oh! Then won't it weigh even more?

-C.Sai Sudharshan,
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VERY FUNNY!

Policeman: Who was driving when your van ran into the lorry?

Group of students: Nobody, we were all singing and enjoying in the back seat.

-Tabreez Ahamed, Std.VIII
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Teacher: What is an island?

Student: A piece of land surrounded by water on all sides except one.

Teacher: Which side?

Student: On the top!

-J.Adhikesava Siva Murugan
Std.IX, A.M.MHSS, Chennai



Friend: What will you do if you get angry with me?

Vinay: Oh! I will just brush my dog's teeth.

Friend: And will that cool you down?

Vinay: Sure, I will use your toothbrush!



Kumar: Hey! Where is your watchdog?

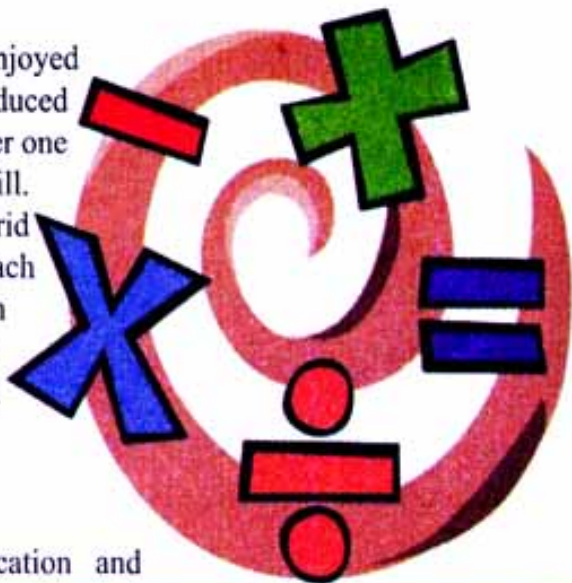
Arun: I got rid of it?

Kumar: Why?

Arun: Because it could not tell the time!

-J.Vishnu, Std.XI
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Dear children, we are sure you enjoyed solving the new number puzzle introduced last month (July 2010). Here's another one in the same style to test your math skill. Fill in the missing numbers in the grid below to complete the equations. Each row (left to right) and each column (top to bottom) is a math equation. You may use the numbers 1 through 9. Make sure you use each number only once.



Tip: Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

MATHZLLE -2

Clue: There are no negative numbers inside the grid.

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Age :

Class :

School :

*Residential Address :

Pin

Signature :

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*Local address is a must for overseas entries.

-Priya Ravi

● Five all correct entries will get a reward of Rs 50/- each.

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● Editor's decision is final.

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 According to legend, the ancient Olympic Games was founded by Heracles, the son of Zeus. But according to written records they were held once every four years from 776 B.C. to 392 B.C. The Roman emperor Theodosius I, a Christian, abolished the games in 393 B.C. because of their pagan influences.

 In the ancient Olympics, only those who were conversant with Greek could take part in the games. The games were always held at Olympia and the winners were crowned with olive wreaths.

 French baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894. He is regarded as the father of modern Olympics.

 The first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896 in Athens. 241 athletes from 14 nations competed in 43 events.



Citius

 The motto of the games is 'Citius, Altius, Fortius', which is Latin for 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'.

 Women took part in the Olympics for the first time in the 1900 games held at Paris. The first gold medallist of Modern Olympics was James Connolly (United States) for the triple jump event in the 1896 Games in Athens.

 The Olympic torch relay was introduced in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

 Participants from all the five major continents took part for the first time in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics.

 The only years in which the modern Olympics were not held was in 1916, 1940 and 1944 on account of the World Wars.

 The headquarters of the IOC is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

 The Indian hockey team has won eight Olympic gold medals till date, the last one in the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

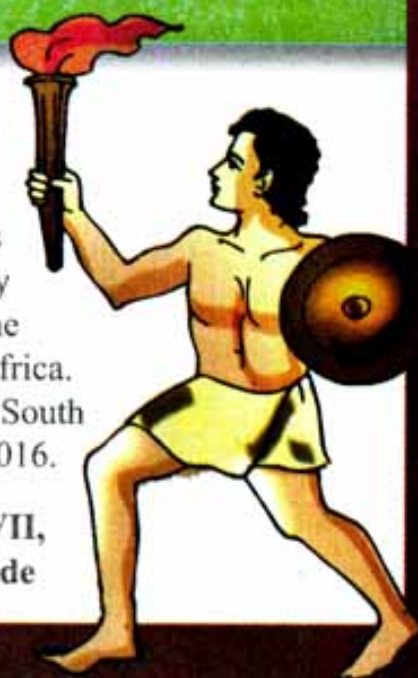
 The first Indian woman to win an individual Olympic medal (bronze) was Karnam

Altius, Fortius

Malleswari, for weightlifting, in the 2000 Summer Olympics at Sydney.

 From the start of Modern Olympics till date, Asia has hosted the games only three times, in Tokyo, Seoul and Beijing. The Olympics have never been held in South Africa. They are to be held for the first time in South America when Brazil will host the games in 2016.

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“We nailed them, didn’t we?”

Anirudh groaned hearing the gloating voice. He hoped his new classmates would let him finish his lunch in peace.

“And then he struck it off the edge of the bat...”

Anirudh wondered again why

half the players of the Middle School team, not to mention the captain himself.

“Tell us how you got the crucial run out. That was just like Rahul!” suggested a nasal voice – Karthik, probably. Comparing that catch to national player Rahul Dev’s play was ridiculous.

Someone banged on Anirudh’s

The ‘Underdog

his parents chose this school, on their transfer. His classmates were discussing the inter-school cricket match. They’d done nothing but talk about it for two whole weeks, - how Suresh was the best captain, how Kamal was the best wicket-keeper, how Vinodh managed to not fumble a great catch...

And the whole of VII B hung around listening to their exploits open-mouthed, even though they’d all watched the match in question. There was reason for their pride - VII B consisted of almost

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shoulder and almost knocked the sandwich out. "Hey, out of the way, I need to show Karthik the action replay."

"This is my seat," Anirudh protested.

"Oh, oh...so the little boy speaks," came Suresh's mocking voice. Anirudh barely made it away before the captain knocked him again. His sandwich fell to the ground. Anirudh got up from the floor slowly and brushed the dust off his shorts.

The rest of the class was giggling. "I'd like to see you in the field,"

Suresh said, grinning like a devil. "Can you even spell cricket?"

Anirudh felt himself go pink with shame. Last week there had been a silly hopping game and he'd fallen flat on his face. So hopping was not his good point – but that didn't mean he didn't know cricket!

"I can play cricket," he said, surprising himself.

The class was silent for a whole minute before collapsing into guffaws. "You!" Suresh was almost rolling on the floor, "You couldn't play Hide and Seek!"

"My brother coached me," Anirudh said defensively. "I can..."

"Fall down when a ball is bowled?" Suresh looked gleeful. "Ever played in a real match?"

"No, but Rahul's style –"

"Then you will," Suresh suddenly grinned. "We're playing against ACP HSS in three days. Vishal is going on leave and you're the replacement."



Anirudh's mouth dropped open. "What?!" The rest of the class shared his amazement, especially the cricket team.

"You're joking, right? You seriously think this one will even play? He's so short!" said Kamal.

"Small match; small guy," Suresh replied. "We're just playing against ACP duds. Come on – we, the Best XI, need to give the opponent some sort of advantage. We've been beating

them for two years!"
Laughter again. Anirudh tried valiantly to sniff back the sudden tears that pricked his eyelids. He turned away.

"Be ready in school for practice at 5 am tomorrow," called out Suresh.

"Not that he needs any coaching to fall flat," came Karthik's nasal voice. "Imagine him talking about Rahul's style!"

It was match day. Anirudh looked at the crowds in the stands, petrified. Practice had been cancelled for the past three days; Anirudh wasn't sure if that was a good or bad thing. The whole world was there, it seemed. There was

roaring and cheering. ACP HSS's team had arrived before them, and Anirudh had the satisfaction of seeing Suresh's face blanch. Apparently some of the opposition team members were last minute replacements – and really good.

"Now what?" Vinodh hissed. "You can't have Anirudh in the team. Get someone else!"

But Suresh's attention was riveted to one section of the stands where the cheering had hit a high pitch. Camera flashbulbs were going off and people were craning their necks to see the commotion. A tall man in the midst of a gaggle of reporters laughingly shook himself from the crowd.

Suresh gasped. "Rahul Dev! What's he doing here?"

"That explains the reporters and the crowd," Kamal muttered. "He's here on a break from the Asia Cup."

Anirudh was quaking in his shoes. He'd been coached well, but had never played in a proper match before.

"We're going to lose," Vinodh said, suddenly. "ACP has brought

"Listen, get Vinodh to bowl short-pitched balls. They're aiming high, and we'll get catches."

in a whole bunch of better players and Rahul's going to watch us fail." He glared at Anirudh. "And this 2020 is going to make it all happen double quick."

Something in his cutting voice brought Anirudh's head up with a jerk. He stared at the stands, where Rahul was. His hands balled into fists. A whistle was blown; they gathered in the field. Suresh won the toss and elected to field.

Wrong decision, flashed through Anirudh's mind. The pitch made the ball rise well;



their opponents' batting line-up would have a field day. And they did. Anirudh, placed right along the boundary, was in a perfect position to observe the proceedings. Suresh had meant him to be far away, but his bad judgment actually helped.

Something had possessed Anirudh, at the sight of the roaring crowds. He was actually in a cricket field. He was playing. His head seemed to clear. His fear vanished. His own team didn't believe in him. Well, he'd show them. As the first boundary of the match raced towards him, he dove for it – saving two runs. He could see Suresh gape at his save.

At the next over-change Anirudh jogged to the captain. "Listen, get Vinodh to bowl short-pitched balls. They're aiming high, and we'll get catches."

His team looked at him in blank amazement. "I was going to send in a spinner," Suresh said, at last.

"What if they strike boundaries again?" Kamal asked.

To Anirudh, ACP's technique seemed crystal clear. "Their footwork is all over the place," he said.

Everyone blinked, not having noticed much about "footwork."

"Your cricketing knowledge is

zero, bozo," Vinodh accused.

But Suresh looked thoughtful. In the end, he followed Anirudh's instructions – and succeeded in getting three quick wickets. At seemingly random points Anirudh would suggest changes in the fielding position or bowling tactics – which Suresh followed, once he deduced that Anirudh was actually making sense.



ACP was all out for 83 in 20 overs. The crowd cheered. Rahul's face in the stands was expressionless.

When Best XI turned out to bat, ACP seemed nervous. Suresh, bolstered by Anirudh's suggestions, opened the innings himself with Kamal – and ACP were quick to guess that the wiry boy was behind the quicksilver adjustments. When Anirudh came in, at 2 down, he

found himself at the receiving end of tricky balls that spun everywhere. He remembered Rahul's play, and stuck to his guns. Don't panic, he told himself. They're trying to rattle you. Play safe.

And he did. Best XI reached their target in 17.5 overs – and the crowd went mad, cheering.

"We were wrong," Suresh said, as they gathered in line on the field to receive their medals. "We judged you by your looks and that was stupid." The rest of the team nodded. The ground was abuzz as teachers, students and coaches congratulated them. Anirudh felt dizzy with delight. He'd conquered his fears.

"You gave great advice," Kamal chipped in.

"Your brother must be a brilliant coach," Vinodh added enviously. "Think you can get him to coach us too?"

"Well, he just got back from the Asia Cup," Anirudh said carefully. "I had to beg and plead with him to come here."

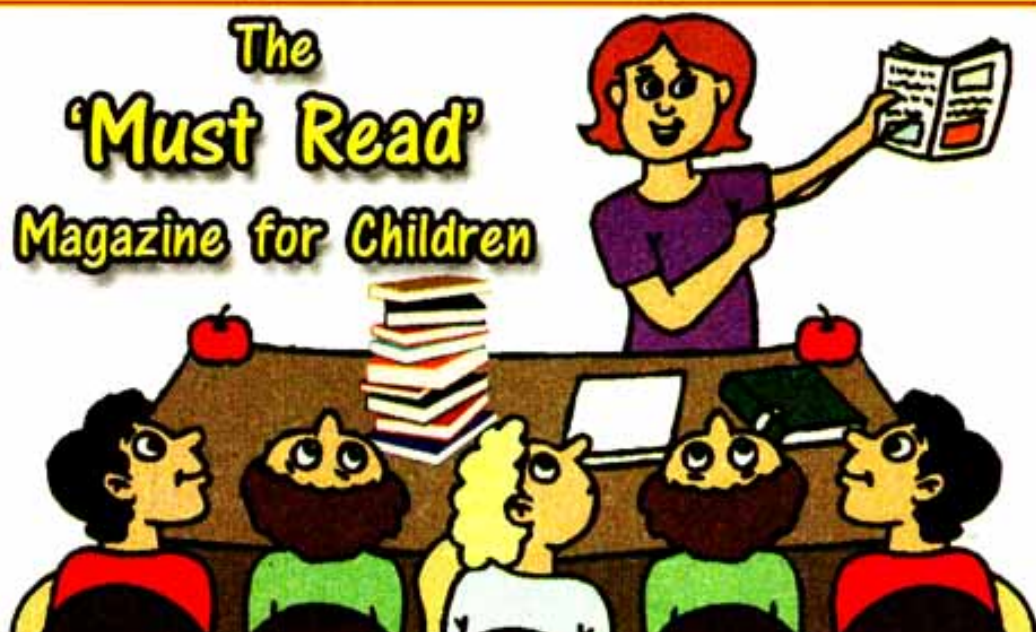
"What? But there's only –" Suresh's voice trailed away, as the implication hit. The rest of the team stared at him slack-jawed. "Rahul's your brother?"

Anirudh grinned. "*I told you he coached me well.*"

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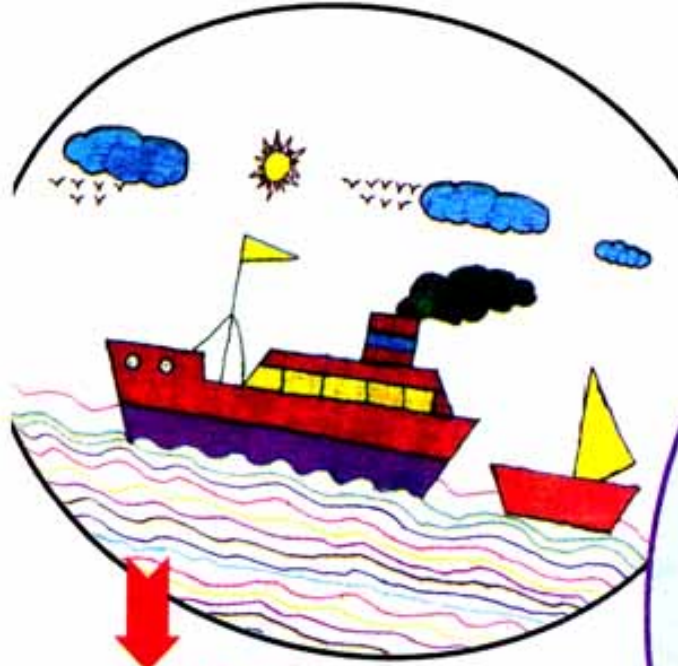
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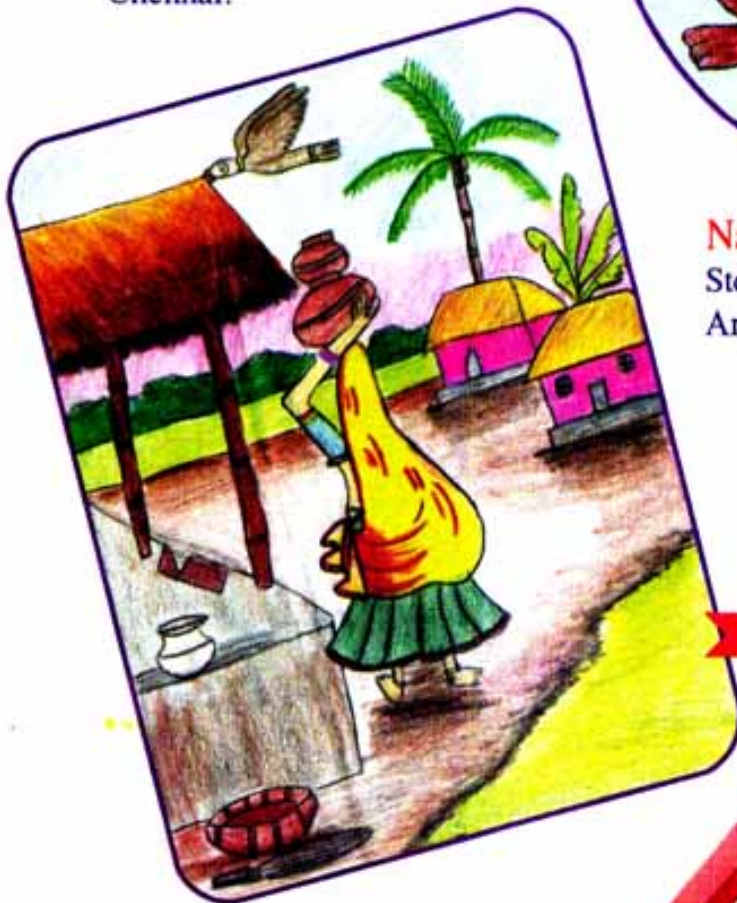
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Our readers have sent in a couple of simple, easy-to-make and tasty recipes for this issue. So what are you waiting for? Just head to the kitchen and surprise your mom with your culinary skills!

CHEESE SANDWICH

Ingredients:

Bread – 6 slices

Butter – Required amount

Cucumber – 1

Cheese Cubes – 6

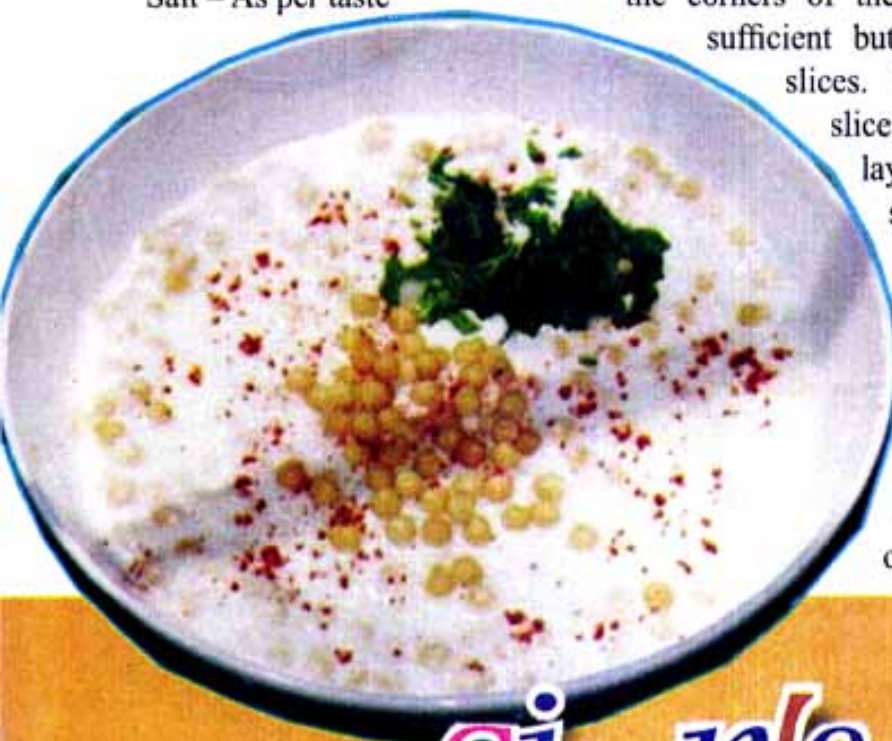
Tomato Sauce/ Ketchup – $\frac{1}{2}$ cup

Pepper Powder – $\frac{1}{2}$ spoon

Salt – As per taste

Method: Peel and grate the cucumber and cheese cubes and mix well. Add the required amount of salt and pepper powder to the cucumber–cheese mixture. Cut the corners of the bread. Apply sufficient butter on all the

slices. Take a bread slice and spread a layer of tomato sauce/ketchup on it. Now spread the cucumber–cheese mixture on it. Place another slice of buttered



Simple &



bread over this and cut diagonally. Your yummy cheese sandwich is ready. Really easy, wasn't it?

Pooja Sree,
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BOONDI RAITA

Ingredients:

Boondi – 1 cup
Curd – 1 bowl
Jeera (Cumin seeds) – 1 tbsp
Oil – 1 tsp
Chilly powder – 1/4 tsp
Salt – As per taste
Coriander leaves

Method: Take a bowl of curd and keep aside. Now place a frying pan on the stove and add a tsp of cooking oil. Add the jeera and let it splutter on low heat. Allow to cool and then blend it along with salt and the red chilly powder into the bowl of curd. Stir well and add the cup of boondi just before serving. Garnish with coriander leaves.

K.Vaishnavi,
Std.XII, DTEASSS,
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Yummy...mummy!

W

hen the umpire calls
for the toss,
Ganguly is the boss,
Tendulkar hits a century,
Poor Afridi retires on injury;

When Akhtar comes to bowl,
Umpire declares no ball,
Akram bowls menacingly,
But Sehwag hits it easily;

As the Pakis come to bat,
Opener Anwar is lost,
Harbhajan spins the ball,
Mushtaq's wicket tumbles and falls;

Dhoni gets a tough catch,
And India wins the match,
And when India holds the cup,
With pride our heads rise up!

Tabreez Ahamed,
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Team India

Little Round Ball!



Its stomach is full of air,
And it is kicked around everywhere,
In dirt, mud and ditch it falls,
Oh! The poor little round ball!

Let the ball be knocked around,
It makes the young ones laugh aloud,
Let the ball be dirty and muddy,
For it makes all children so very happy!



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Rhyme Time

Twenty - 20

As life turns fast-paced,
So does the game,
An exciting form of cricket,
Twenty-20 is its name!

Only twenty overs to bat,
And to each bowler just
overs four,
It's a test to check the team's
power,
And will never be a bore!

Shots race to the boundary,
And sixer all over the ground,
Better than ODI's and tests,
T20 is the best thing around!



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Delhi Public School, Haryana

1. When do dogs have eight feet?

2. Which is correct – 9 and 5 is 13 or 9 and 5 are 13?

3. If yesterday had been Wednesday's tomorrow and tomorrow is Sunday's yesterday, what day would be today?

4. What has four eyes but cannot see?

5. Which is the state language of Cuba?

6. What is a myth?

7. Why is Alabama the smartest state of the USA?

8. Why is the alphabet A called a flower?

9. What do ducks put on their Christmas tree?

10. What would you call Wright brothers if they make mistakes?

11. Which is the strongest bird?

Mind Twisters!

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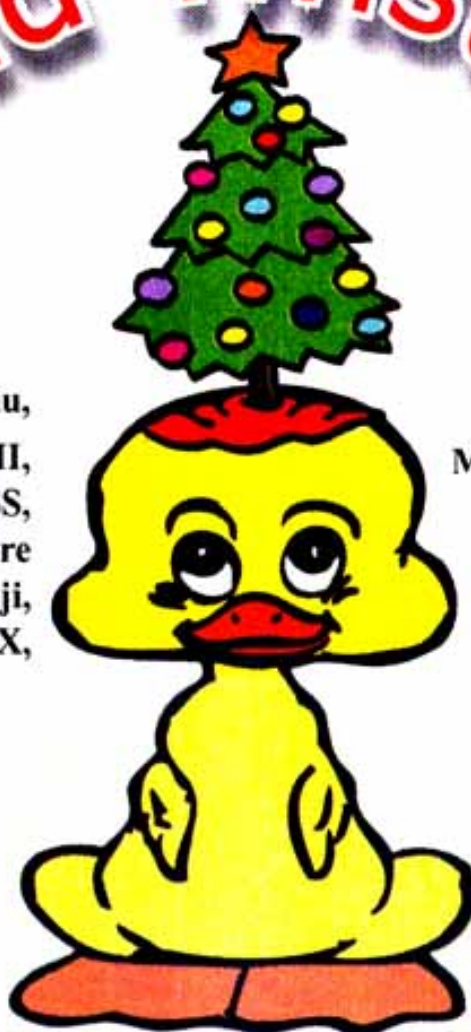
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(6) A female moth
(7) It has 4 A's and
only one B!
(8) Because a 'B' is
always after it.
(9) 'Duck' erations
(10) 'Wrong' brothers!
(11) Crane

(1) When there are two
of them.
(2) Neither, $9+5=14$
(3) Friday
(4) Mississippi
(5) Cubic

ANSWERS:

"Will you play with me?" - Find 5 differences between the two pictures.



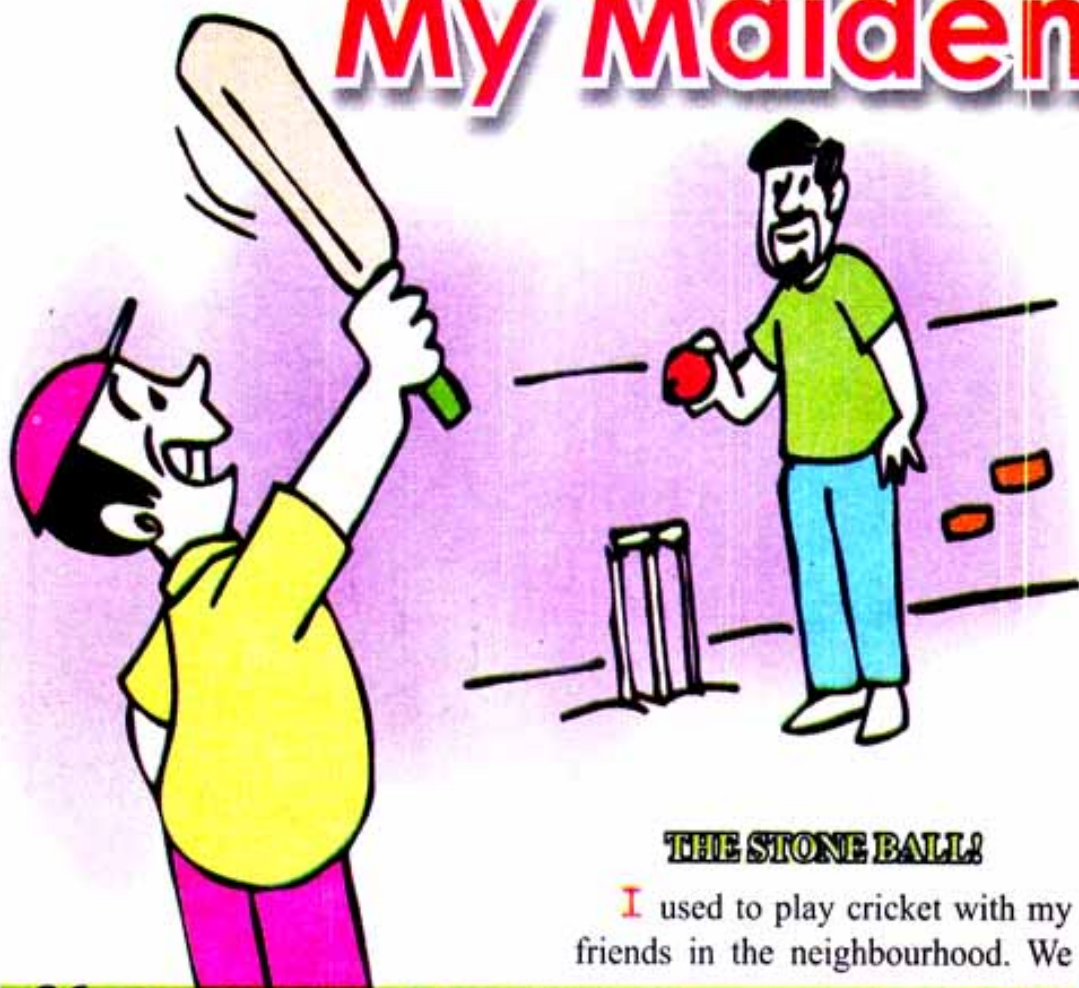
Answers: 1. Bird 2. Tortoise's shoe 3. Ball 4. Bag 5. Fox's ear

I am very fond of cricket and whenever my father has free time, I pester him to play with me. One such day, I won the toss and elected to bat first. The pitch was quite damp and I settled in quickly. After the first few minutes, I managed to hit all the balls except the short pitched ones. My father bowled a few loose deliveries and I whacked them for fours all over the place. My score started climbing up

quite fast and I couldn't believe it when I hit my first century! I was absolutely thrilled. Infact, I was not out at 108 (125 balls), when my father called it a day. I had hit sixteen 4's and one 6. My father congratulated me. Ofcourse, I realized that his sloppy fielding and three missed catches had played a part major part in helping me to amass such a high score!

**Paawan.C, Std.IV,
KV – Malleswaram, Bengalooru**

My Maiden



THE STONE BALL!

I used to play cricket with my friends in the neighbourhood. We

usually played with a tennis ball. One day, getting bored of playing with a ball, I asked my friend to bowl to me using a stone. Unthinkingly, my friend picked up a medium sized stone and bowled with it. Unfortunately I missed hitting it with my bat and it hit me with great force. I started



at 9.30 am and we eagerly awaited the arrival of the chief guest, the champion swimmer and the Arjuna awardee Nisha Millet. Finally she arrived and was received by our band and led to the

It happened to me

Century!

bleeding profusely. My father rushed me to the hospital where the doctor bandaged my head and gave me some painkillers. I also had to take a tetanus injection. I realized my foolishness and vowed to use the appropriate equipment for each sport.

**Dhananjay.B.A, Std.VII,
KV-1, Hubli**

CHERISHED PRIZE

I ran excitedly to my school as it was the prize distribution day. I reached early and saw the stage being put up. The function was to start



dias. After welcoming her with a bouquet, the programme began. We performed a mass drill immediately after which it started to rain suddenly. We were soon shifted to the Audio Visual room where the prize distribution began. I did not win any prize though I had participated in three events – long jump, shot put and 100m

running race. I cheered for Preeta, my friend who lifted the individual championship trophy. Finally the overall championship trophy was announced and to my surprise, my house 'Akash' emerged the winner. We had managed to defeat the other three houses Agni, Bhoomi and Vayu. I jumped with joy and ran to collect the trophy. It was wonderful

on the same day. I woke up early in the morning and rushed to the telephone. I knew that my close friends would ring up to wish me and I didn't want to miss their calls. I waited for a long time but no one called up. I was very upset when I realized that they had forgotten the most important day of my life. With a heavy heart I bathed, dressed myself and reached school. I



to lift the trophy along with my house mates. But the best part of the day was when I managed to get an autograph from Nisha Millet. I will treasure it forever!

**Varsha.V, Std.VI,
Vagdevi Vilas, Bengalooru**

BEST BIRTHDAY

My birthday is on the tenth of May. This year it so happened that my school also re-opened

slowly walked inside my new class room when suddenly my friends rushed up to me and shouted 'Happy Birthday'. They surrounded me, shook my hand and thrust their gifts on me. I was speechless with joy. I chided myself for thinking that they had forgotten my birthday. It was a wonderful re-opening day for me and the best birthday celebration till date.

**Aparna.S, Std.IX,
Holy Angels ISC School,
Thiruvananthapuram**

Fun Comparisons

We all had lots of fun watching the IPL and other cricket tournaments during the summer hols. Now, with the academic session in full swing, studies/ tests seem dull and boring in comparison to the thrill and excitement of watching a match. So why not think of exams as our favourite match?

Exam hall – **Cricket stadium**

Invigilator – **Umpire**

Question paper – **Ball**

Answer sheet – **Bat**

Students – **Players**

Teachers – **Coach**

Easy questions – **Full toss**

Tough questions – **Yorker**

Extra Marks – **Wide**

Pass marks – **Half Century**

Centum – **Century**

Wrong answer but full

marks – **Free hit**

Re-correction – **Third umpire**

Annual exam – **Test match**

Term exam – **One day match**

Class test – **T-20 match**

Result – **Scoreboard**

Winner – **Its YOU!**

M.Nagarjun,
Std.IX,
PMHSS, Erode



Name: Y.Gayathri

Age: 16

Address: No.18/40, Murugappa Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 5

Hobbies: Reading books, writing letters, listening to music and playing games.

Name: Manjunath

Age: 15

Address: 4078, Std.X'C', Vijaya-nagar House, Sainik School, Bijapur- 586102, Karnataka

Hobbies: Horse riding, playing football, making friends and gardening.

watching movies and conducting experiments.

Name: Aishwarya Shankar

Age: 13

Address: TC - 40/142, First Puthen Street, Sri Ram Buildings, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram - 695009

Hobbies: Reading, singing,



Tea

playing games and drawing.

Name: Aditya Nambiar

Age: 14

Address: 128, Shri-Nivas, Hindu Colony, Rd. no.5, Dadar, Mumbai - 400014

Hobbies: Singing, playing keyboard, swimming and football.

Name: Sukriti Sood

Age: 11

Address: 236, Bannu Enclave, Parwana Road, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034

Hobbies: Reading novels, playing computer games,

Name: Utpanna Hota

Age: 13

Address: JF/14, Utkal University Campus, Vani Nihar, Bhubaneswar - 751004

Hobbies: Painting, reading Harry Potter and other fantasy/adventure novels, surfing the net.

Name: Himani Surana

Age: 13

Address: 11/25, Chinnathambi Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600005

Hobbies: Listening to music, surfing the net, cycling, dancing,

watching movies and drawing.

Name: Neihha Maria.A.

Age: 12

Address: 'Blessings', 631,
Ladies Seat Road, Yercaud, Salem,
Tamil Nadu - 636601

Hobbies: Reading comics,
watching T.V., cycling, playing
with pets and making new friends.

Name: Rayon.T.D

Age: 13

Address: T-3, Prasana
Apts, Sivaram Nagar,
T.V.Koil, Trichy- 5

Hobbies: Dancing,
listening to music and
cracking jokes.

Name: Prashasthi Bhat

Age: 13

Address: B-5/16, SAF
Games Village, Koyambedu,
Chennai-600107

Hobbies: Playing basket
-ball, badminton,
reading books and
browsing the net.

Together



Hi Buddy



*** Three
against one!**



*** Super
sniffers!**



*** Largest,
heaviest...**

Clever

Contrary to what we think, mosquitoes do not bite but stab. A mosquito has no jaws, and when attacking a prey, it pierces it with its long proboscis and sucks the blood up through its nasal tube.

Ostrich, the largest bird has a life span of about 60 – 75 years. An average ostrich egg will weigh about 1.75 kgs to 2.3 kgs.

Some breeds of vultures can fly at altitudes as high as 36,000 feet.

The flea can jump 350 times its body length, which is like a human jumping the length of a football field!

**-Fabian, Std.V,
Bell MHSS,
Tirunelveli**

Cormorants are used by Chinese fishermen to catch fish. When they have caught seven fish they are given the eighth one as a reward. In one experiment it was observed that once they had caught seven fish the birds refused to move again till they were allowed to eat the eighth one. They ignored an order to dive and sat motionless on their perches. Other birds that had not caught seven, continued to catch though!

Cormorants!

Wildlife experts have noticed that male chimps attack other male chimp intruders only when they are three against one and are sure of winning!

**-Shifa, Std.V,
Kanachur Public School,
Mangalore**

Crocodiles swallow stones to help them dive deeper.

Stonefish which live off the coast of Australia are the most poisonous fish in the world. They seem almost invisible against coral and rocks. They store poison in their spines with which they prick their enemies. The venom causes severe pain and can even be fatal if not treated within 2-3 hours.

Can you believe that there are no ants in Iceland, Antarctica and Greenland?

Rats can survive up to 14 days without any food.

Polar bears have a highly developed sense of smell and can sniff out seals that are 20 miles away and upto three feet under snow!

**Akanksha.P.Wadhavkar,
Age: 14, Shantinagar
High School, Thane**

*** High fly!**



Fur & Feathers

*** Fatal fish!**



*** Awaiting the prize!**



Dear Gokulam, the 'Word Play' puzzle introduced in the July issue is very interesting and I had lots of fun solving it.

**-B.N.Chandrapal, Std.VIII,
Asian Christian HS, Bagalur**

Dear Gokulam, I am your regular reader. My classmates too love reading you a lot. I request you to bring out a 'Music Special' issue.

**-S.Naveen Raj, Std.V,
DAV MHSS, Chennai**

Hi Gokulam, I am your ardent

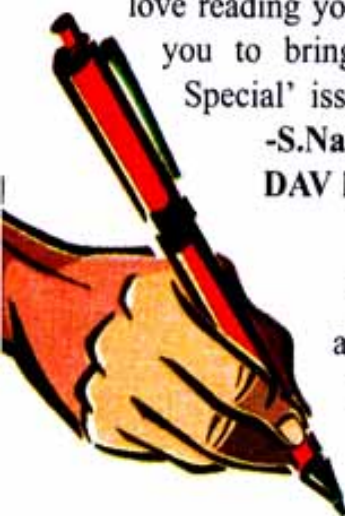
every month. I love to participate in all the contests. You are my best friend!

**-Prashasthi Bhat, Age:13,
KV-Ashok Nagar, Chennai**

Gokulam is a great magazine. It has lots of information and I love it.

**-G.Soundarya, Std.V,
S.R.D.F.V.V, Chennai**

Dear Gokulam, I request you to bring out a special issue or 'Children's Fiction'. I would like to contribute for it and I am sure others will also be equally eager to do so. I would also take this opportunity to



Interesting

fan. Thanks for publishing my opinion in the Viewpoint. My mother was very happy to see my name printed in the magazine. Can you please publish a 'Movie Special'? Wish you a very happy belated birthday!

**-Nagashree.S, Std.VIII,
VVSSPHS, Bengalooru**

I love to read Gokulam very much. I eagerly wait for its arrival

thank the Gokulam team for bringing out such a wonderful magazine.

**-Shravya
Sharath, Std.
VII, Bengalooru**

Gokulam is an interesting as well as informative magazine. I



eagerly look forward the special issue every month.

**-K.Nanda Kumar, Std.IX,
O.N.G.C Public School, Karaikal**

Recently, when I visited my cousin's place I found that he had a collection of the past ten year's Gokulam. I picked up an issue randomly and thoroughly enjoyed reading it. The best part about Gokulam is that most of the contributions are by children. Keep it up Gokulam!

**-Yashaswini Premjit,
Std.X, Sri Vidya Sec. School,
Hyderabad**

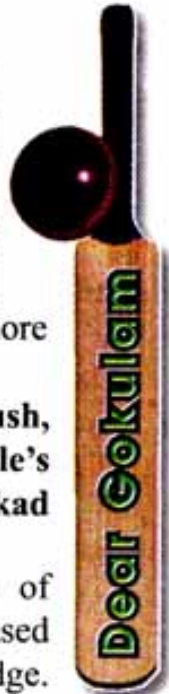
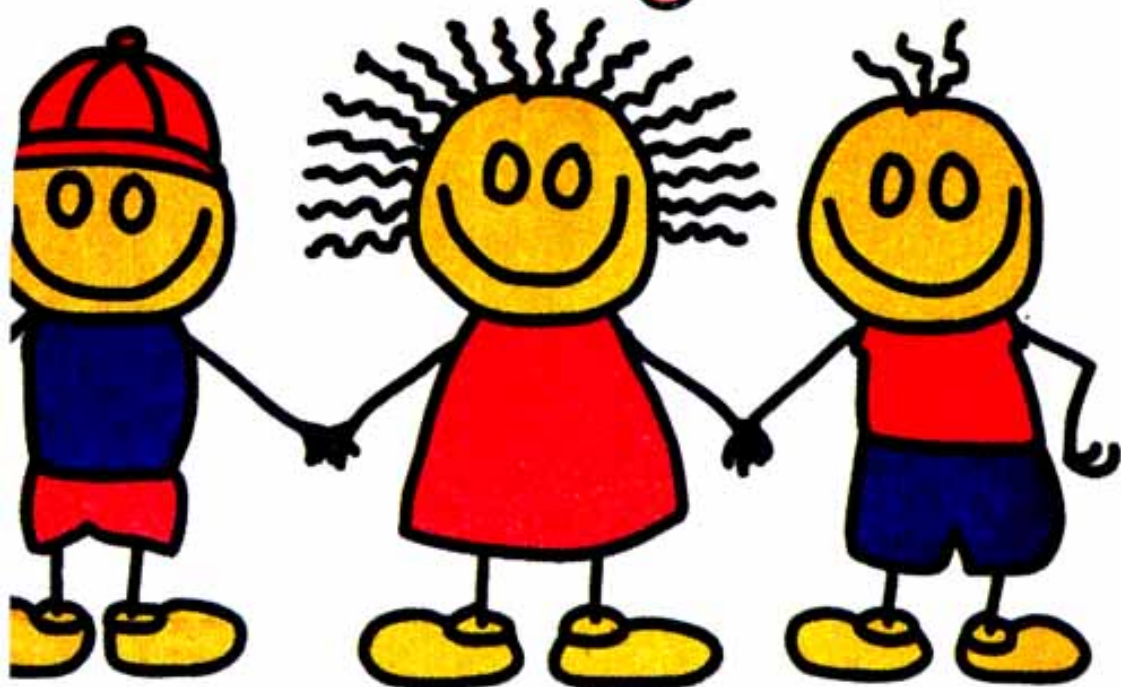
I like Gokulam very much. It is the best children's magazine in India. Reading it improves our grammar and vocabulary. I request you to publish more puzzles.

**-Dhanush,
Std.VII, St.Raphale's
Cathedral HSS, Palakkad**

I am a huge fan of Gokulam. It has increased my English knowledge. When I showed it to my friends, they too liked it and have now become regular readers.

**-S.Vaishnavi,
Std.VII, Atomic
Energy Central
School, Mumbai**

Word Play'



"My turn NOW...!" screamed Meenakshi for the zillionth time, at her brother.

"Just a sec..., one laa... ast round," Arjun's eyes never left the computer screen. He arched his body sideways, his neck stretched forward, as his fingers jabbed at the arrow keys! "There goes the missile ... Got it!" he shouted triumphantly, as he automatically clicked on "CONTINUE."

Meenakshi lunged at him. "You cheat! Liar! You said t'was the last game and ..."

Daddy, on his way out to the clinic, walked in hearing the commotion.

"Daddy ..." the siblings started in unison.

He cut them short. "It's the stupid computer again. It's worse than the idiot box!"

Arjun butted in. "I was only planning to play till my match at eight."

"Oh! I didn't know you

played ...outdoors, I mean. Unless you were referring to a computer match?" Daddy frowned.

"Well actually, I meant 'watching' the football match on television," Arjun said sheepishly.

"That reminds me daddy! During P.T. period, I had severe neck and shoulder pain. P.T. sir asked me to consult my family doctor."

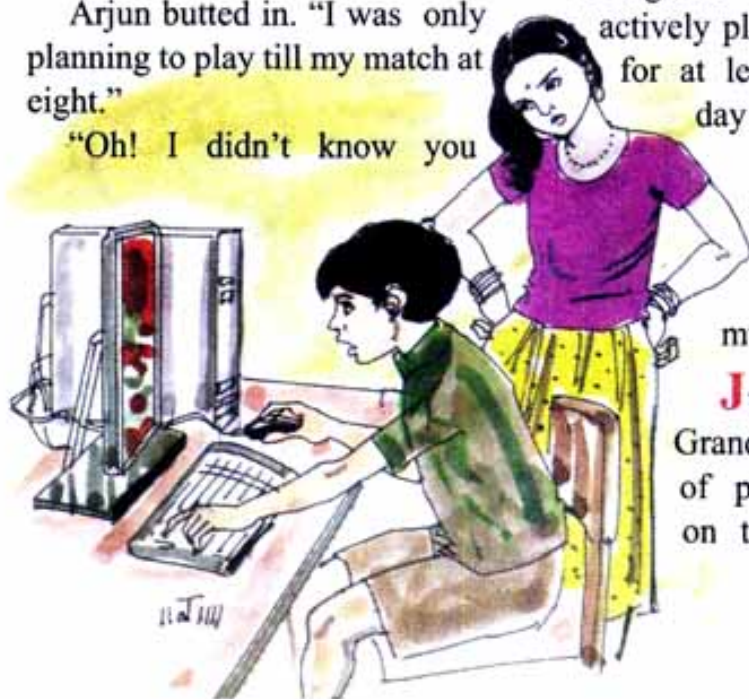
"... And you told him that there's a doctor in the family? Shame!" Dad laughed. "When we named you Arjun, we never thought you'd be constantly targeting missiles on the comp!" He frowned. "Merely wrong posture and lack of exercise!

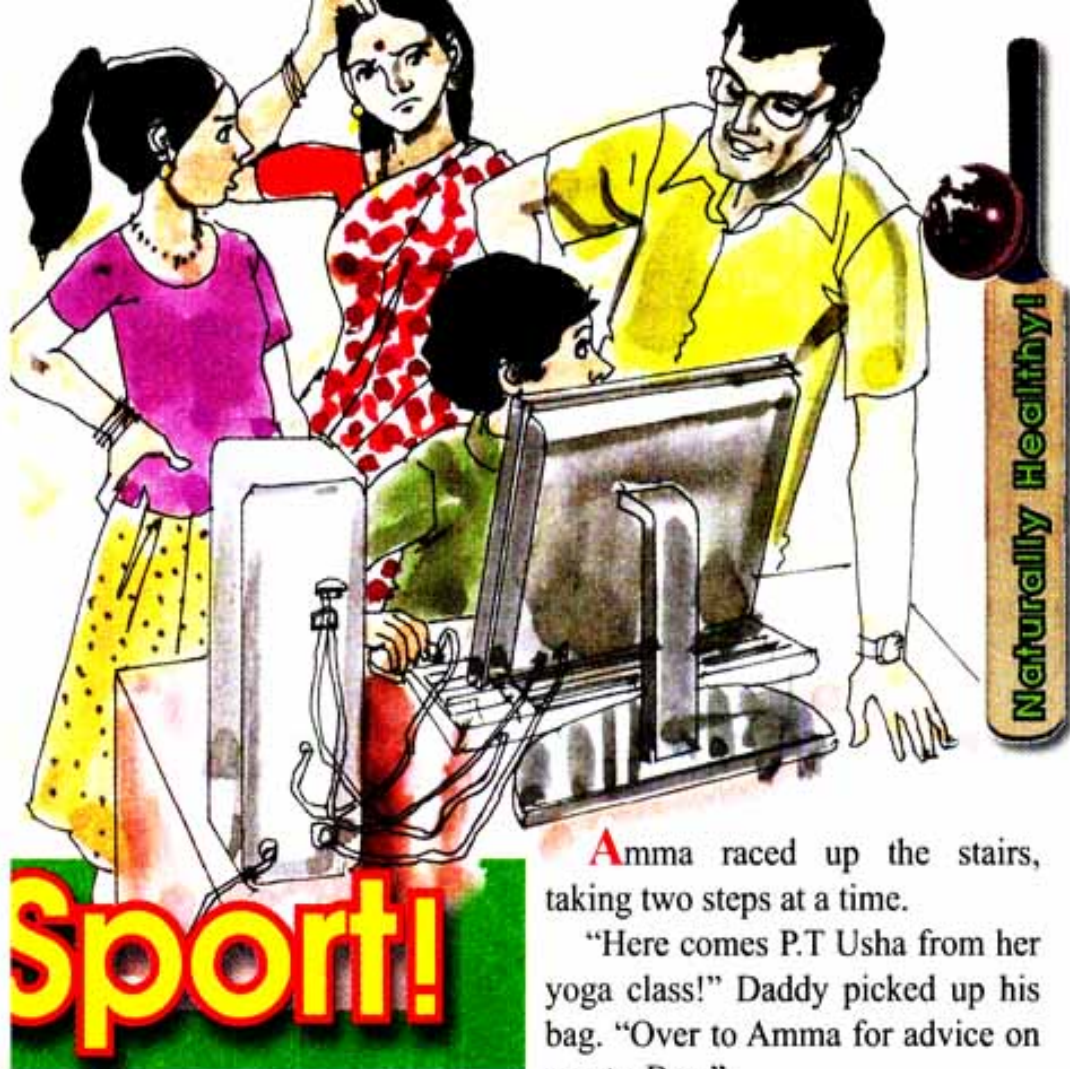


Youngsters like you, should be actively playing games or sports for at least 60 minutes, each day!"

"I need to play computer games to relax myself ... and the aches..." Arjun mumbled.

Just then Granny and Grandpa walked in, beads of perspiration glistening on their foreheads. They





Sport!

never missed their evening walk.

"Aches?" Grandma asked anxiously. She turned to her son. "Is that why you haven't left?"

"No, amma. I was just asking them to go out and play. Their aches will automatically disappear. In addition exercise releases chemicals called endorphins in the brain. These have a strong effect on one's mood, helps reduce anxiety, stress and depression."

"Academics and sports go hand in hand ..." Grandpa chipped in.

Amma raced up the stairs, taking two steps at a time.

"Here comes P.T Usha from her yoga class!" Daddy picked up his bag. "Over to Amma for advice on sports. Bye."

"Amma, he has been hogging the computer. Daddy says he should be out playing," Meenu sneaked.

"That applies to you too, dear! Run and play dear kids, make it a habit to study in the morning and ensure that you play all evening," Grandma quoted Mahakavi Bharathiar, the great Tamil poet.

"We all know that 'all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy!'" Grandpa grinned.

Priya Ravi

"When you play sports, you learn that winning and losing are part of the same coin. You become a good sport and learn to deal with failures too," Amma explained.

"And discipline - you set goals and then work to achieve them. You develop teamwork and leadership skills because you work together to win," Amma emphasized. "You develop strategic thinking when you figure out the best way to get

interests," Amma suggested

"A football team, maybe?"

Grandpa added.

"Endurance type sports help with cardiovascular fitness and health," Amma informed.

Grandpa continued, "Strength or power sports help with muscle mass and bone density. Some sports help with brain power and memory. Take part in sports or recreational

activities that will help with every aspect of your health and wellbeing."

"Yes, we improve even when we play indoor memory games..." Meena teased.

"Come on Meena, you also know that physical activity is a must to counter the adverse effects of

modern, high-tech lifestyle,"

Grandpa concluded.

"So whenever you don't feel like playing outdoors, remind yourself of the benefits you will be missing out on!" Amma cautioned.

"Now, come on, get, set, go. Remember to have fun no matter how competitive you get," Grandma shooed them outdoors!



around a player or score a goal, and motor skills and even math skills."

Arjun defended himself, "I love watching all sports. I just can't choose one game to play.

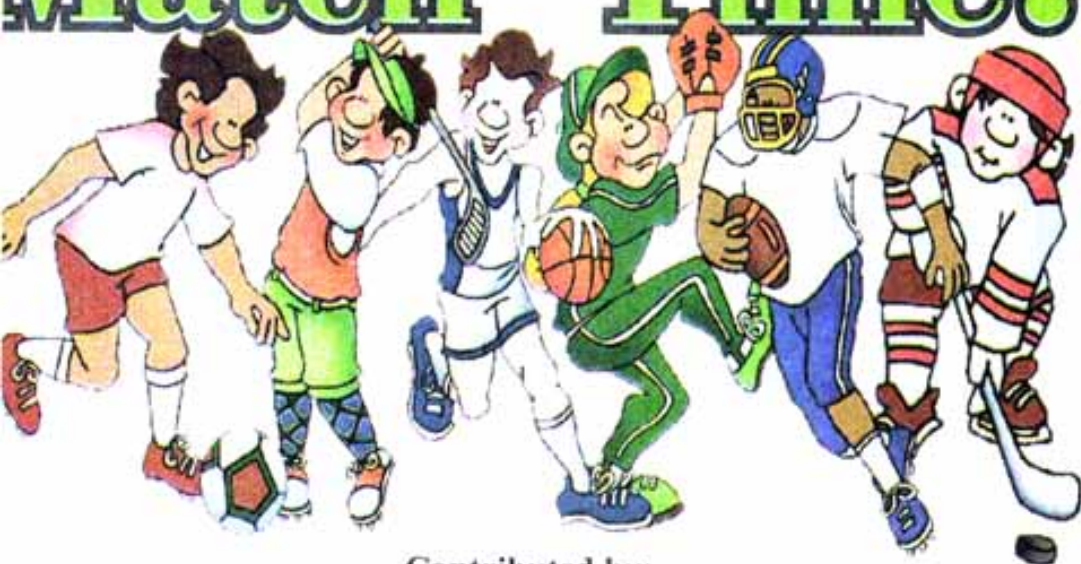
"Try out different sports or activities until you find something you like. Form a group with friends who have the same goals and

Given below are the names of some famous players. Match them with their respective sport.

1) Michael Schumacher	a) Tennis
2) Pele	b) Shooting
3) Ivan Lendl	c) Wrestling
4) Saina Nehwal	d) Cricket
5) Abhinav Bindra	e) Gymnastics
6) Sushil Kumar	f) Motor Racing
7) Vijender Singh	g) Football
8) Pankaj Advani	h) Badminton
9) Angelo Mathews	i) Boxing
10) Nadia Comaneci	j) Billiards



Match Time!



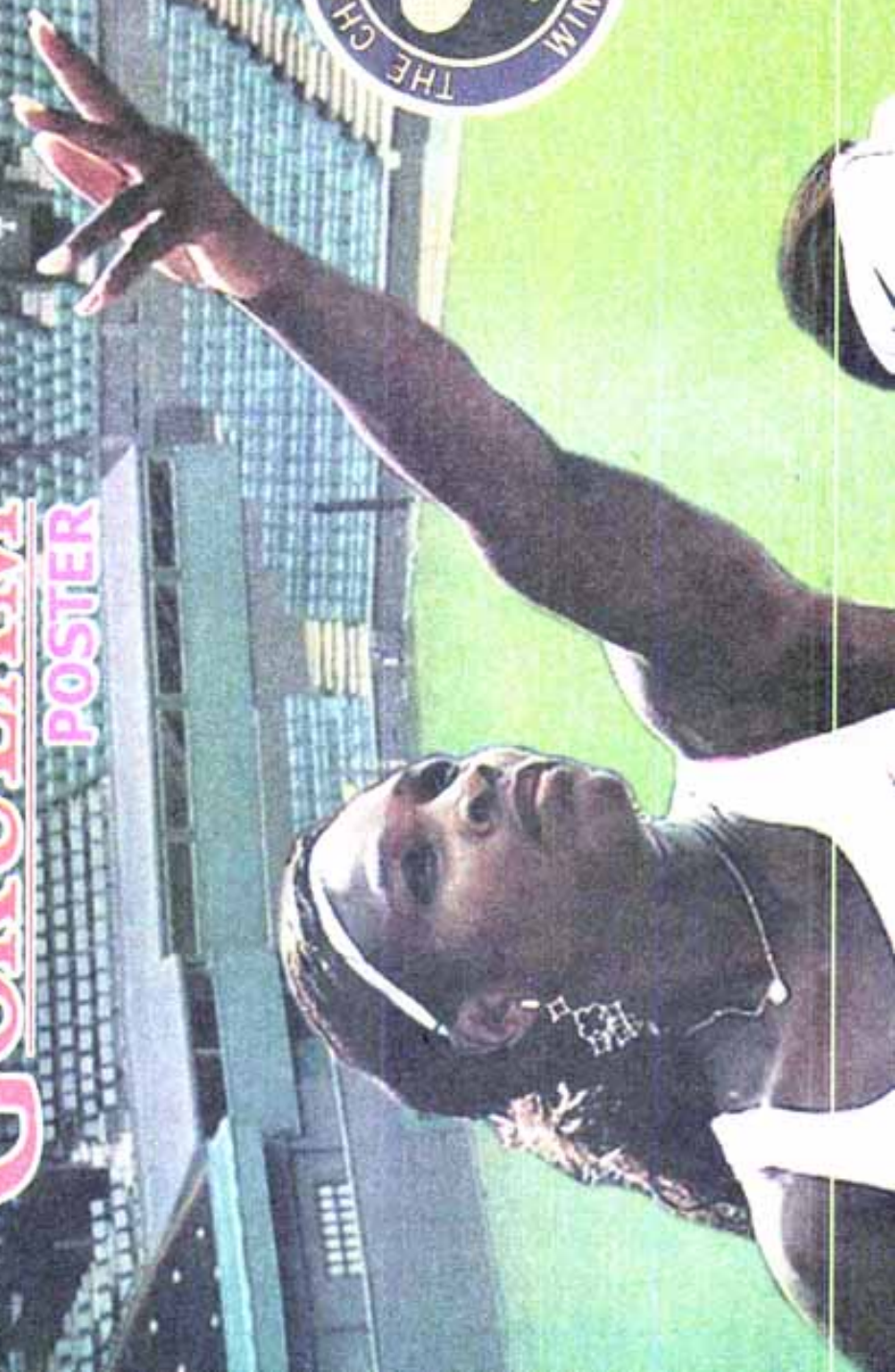
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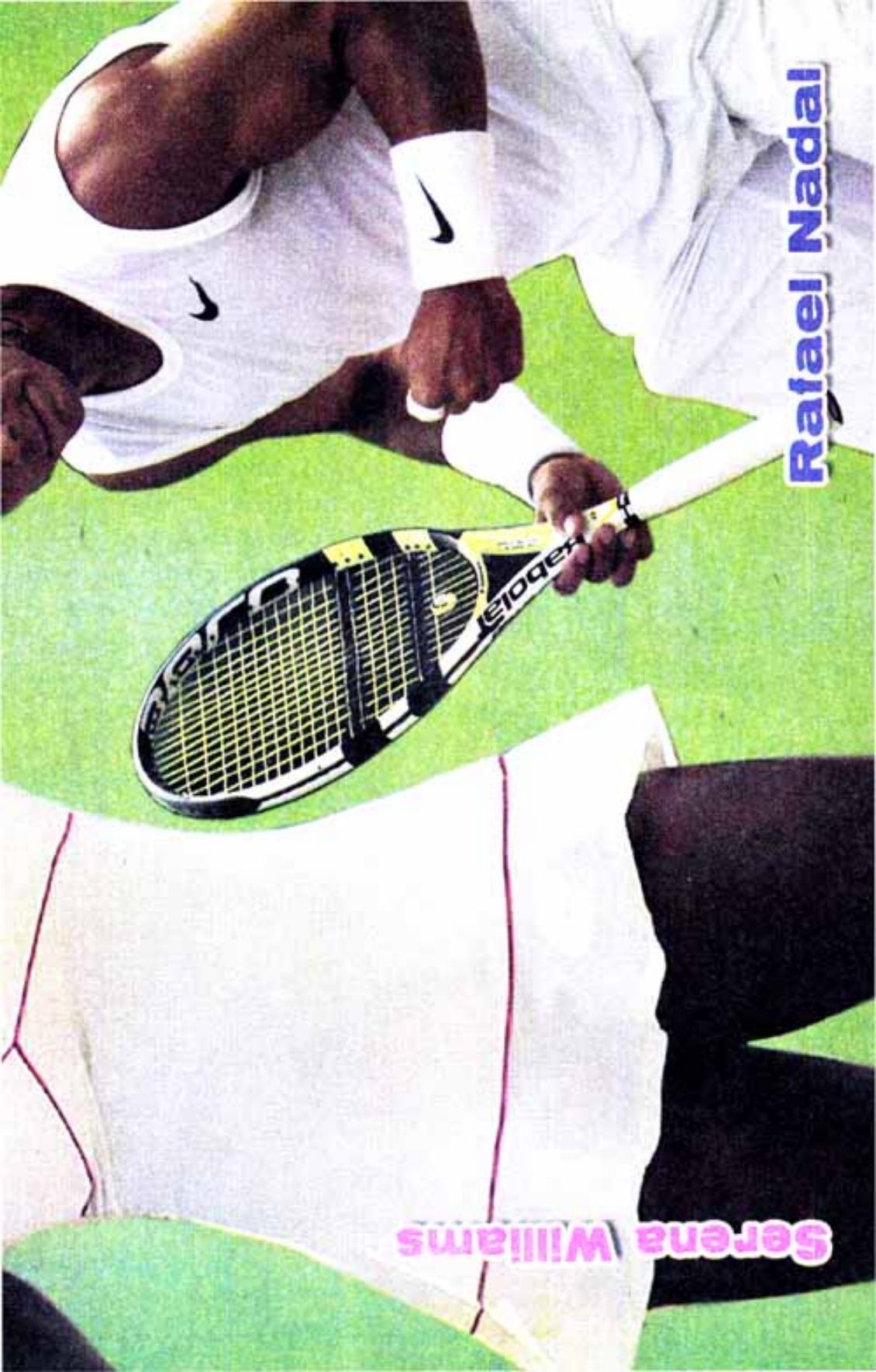
Aashik Narayan Mukhsale, Std.VII, JVM, Vidyanagar, Karnataka;
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Answers: 1-f, 2-g, 3-a, 4-h, 5-b, 6-c, 7-i, 8-j, 9-d, 10-e

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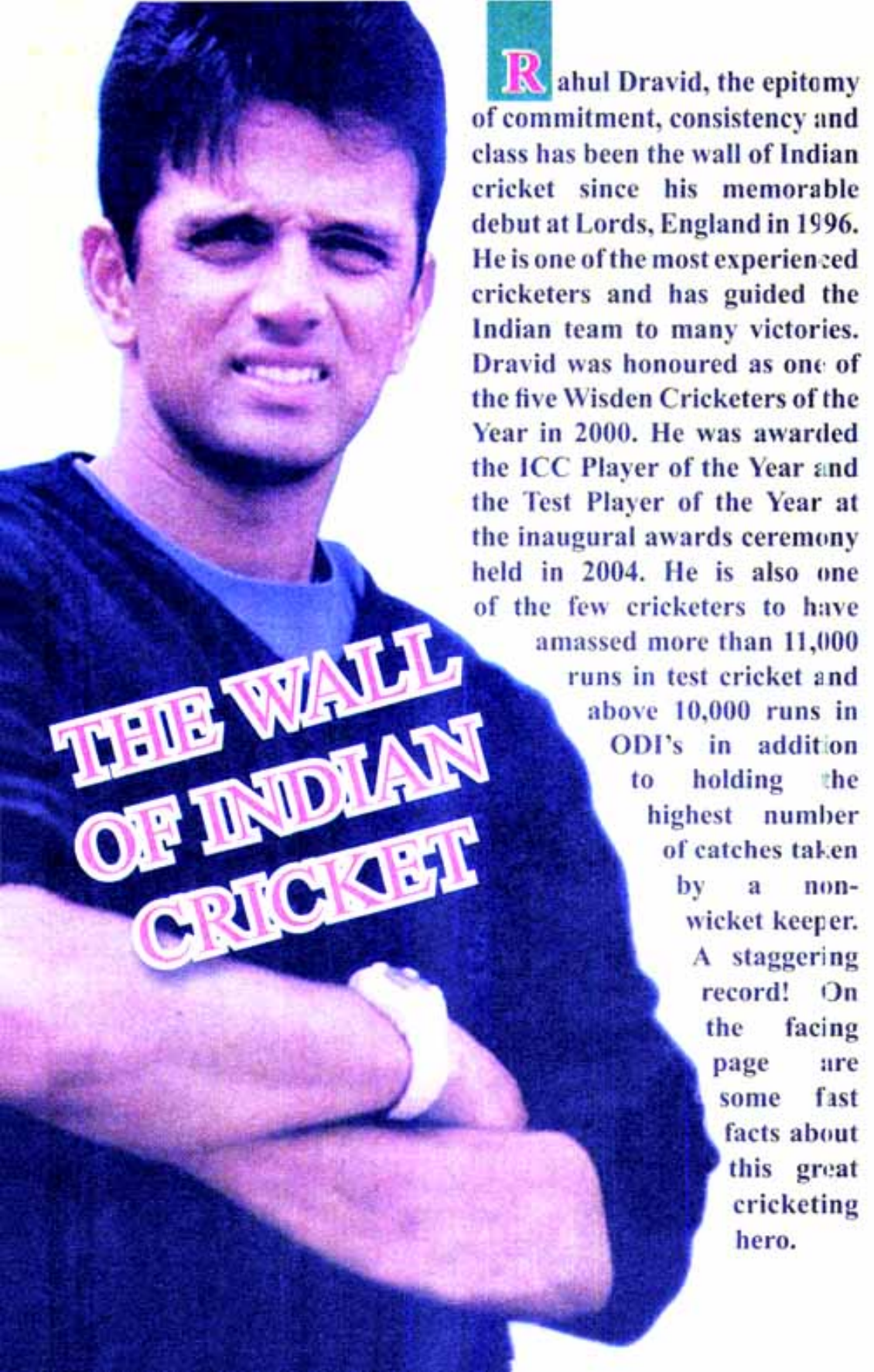
POSTER





Rafael Nadal

Serena Williams



Rahul Dravid, the epitomy of commitment, consistency and class has been the wall of Indian cricket since his memorable debut at Lords, England in 1996. He is one of the most experienced cricketers and has guided the Indian team to many victories. Dravid was honoured as one of the five Wisden Cricketers of the Year in 2000. He was awarded the ICC Player of the Year and the Test Player of the Year at the inaugural awards ceremony held in 2004. He is also one of the few cricketers to have amassed more than 11,000 runs in test cricket and above 10,000 runs in ODI's in addition to holding the highest number of catches taken by a non-wicket keeper. A staggering record! On the facing page are some fast facts about this great cricketing hero.

Name : Rahul Sharad Dravid

Parents : Sharad Dravid and Pushpa

Family : Wife-Vijeta; sons - Samit and Anvay

Date Of Birth : 11th January, 1973

Birth Place : Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Height : 5'11"

Batting Style: Right-handed Batsman

Star Sign: Capricorn

Nicknames: The Wall, Jammy, Mr. Dependable, Mr. Reliable, Mr. Consistent

Favourite Actor:
Amitabh Bacchhan,
Aamir Khan

Soccer Team: Real Madrid

Cricketing Idol:
Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Martin Crowe

Vishishtha Upul,
Std.VIII,
D.A.V. Public
School,
Ranchi.

Personality

Actress: Manisha Koirala
Movie: Rocky, Chak De India, Taare Zameen Par

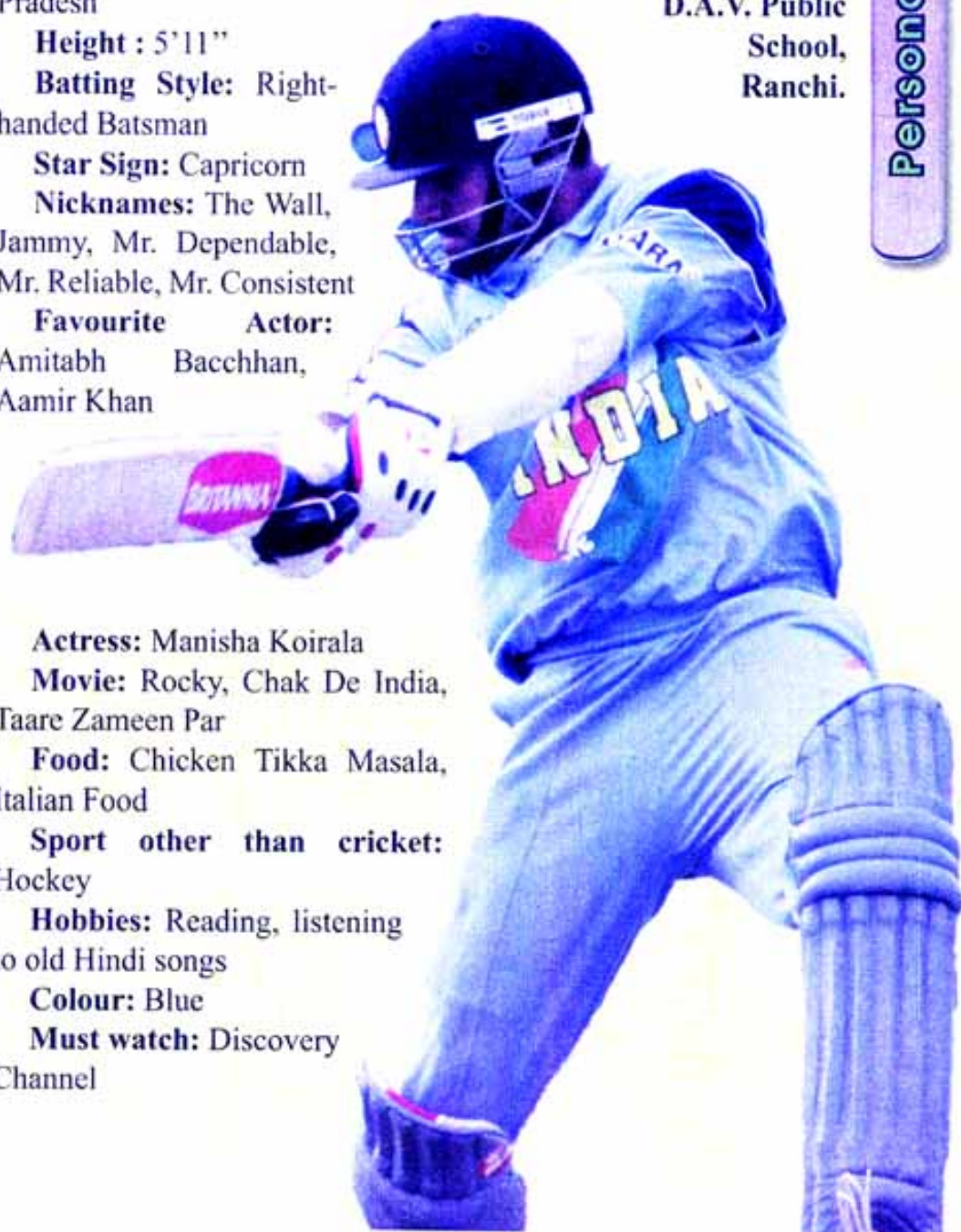
Food: Chicken Tikka Masala, Italian Food

Sport other than cricket:
Hockey

Hobbies: Reading, listening to old Hindi songs

Colour: Blue

Must watch: Discovery Channel



The 'Hiding' Place

Story: Kayitha.G, Std:XII, St.Joseph of Cluny, Pondicherry. Artist: Pillai

Rithesh was buying fruits in the market when...



Help me! That man is running away with my chain. Some body please catch him!



Rithesh immediately jumped to her rescue and gave chase.

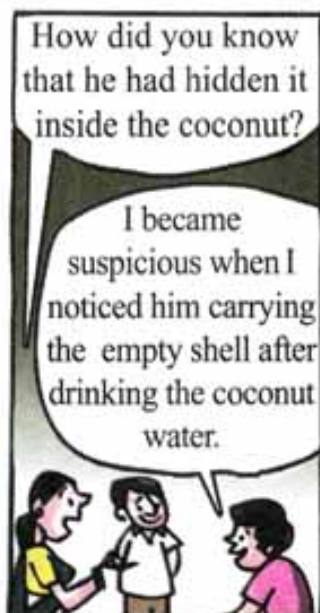
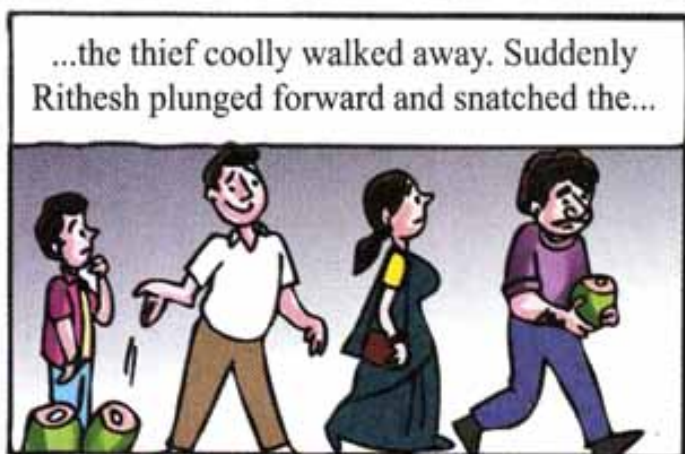


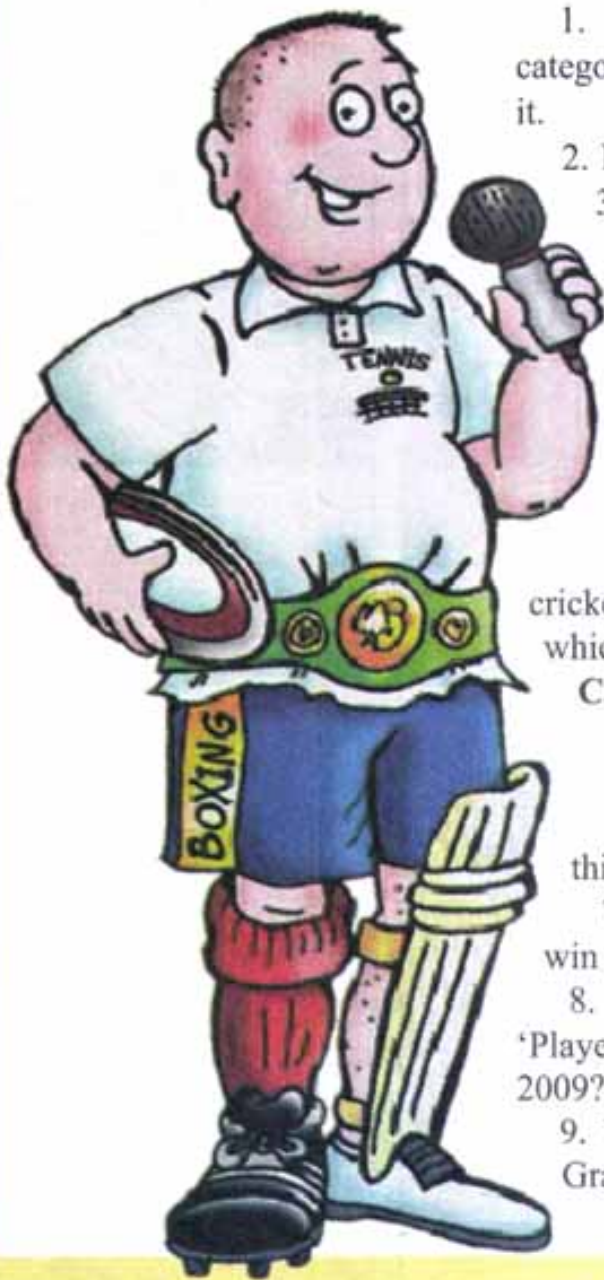
It was evening time and the thief easily mingled into the crowded market place.



Rithesh searched everywhere and finally found him sipping a tender coconut.







1. This sport is played in three categories – Epee, Foil and Sabre. Name it.

2. Name the national sport of Japan.

3. This sport's name translates into 'Empty Hands'..

4. Name the athletic event in which participants have to run, swim and cycle in succession.

**Sarmistha Mishra, Std.VII,
BJEM School, Bhubaneswar**

5. When and where was the first cricket test match played and between which countries?

**C.S.M.Harish, Std.VIII, Vedavalli
Vidyalaya, Walajapet**

6. Free kick is associated with this sport.

7. Name the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal.

8. Which footballer received the 'Player of the Year' award from FIFA in 2009?

9. Which Indian pair won the first Grand Slam mixed doubles title?

10. Name the famous Indian non

**Who,
hen,
here?**

sporting personality to have won the Olympic Order.

11. Name the cricketer who authored the book 'Sunny Days'.

12. 'Greco-Roman' is an international discipline of this sport.

13. The venue of the 2012 Summer Olympics is..



14. Name the host for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

15. The 2010 Asiam Games will be held at...?

16. Which Indian city is set to host the XIX Commonwealth

Games?

17. Which tennis player holds the maximum number of Men's Grand Slam singles title?

**K.Preeti Padma,
Std.VIII, LPS Public
School, Rayagada**

18. Which country hosted the first Asian Games?

19. Who inaugurated the first Asian Games?

20. Which sport was also called as the 'Poona' game?

21. What is the duration of an international football match?

**Tabreez Ahamed, Std.VIII,
Padua HS, Mangalore**

22. What is the length and breadth of an Olympic swimming pool?

23. In which country did ice hockey originate?

**Akshaya.M, Std.VI, SVVP
English School, Bengalooru**

- 16) New Delhi
- 17) Roger Federer
- 18) India
- 19) President Rajendra Prasad
- 20) Badminton
- 21) 90 minutes
- 22) 50 m by 25 m
- 23) Canada

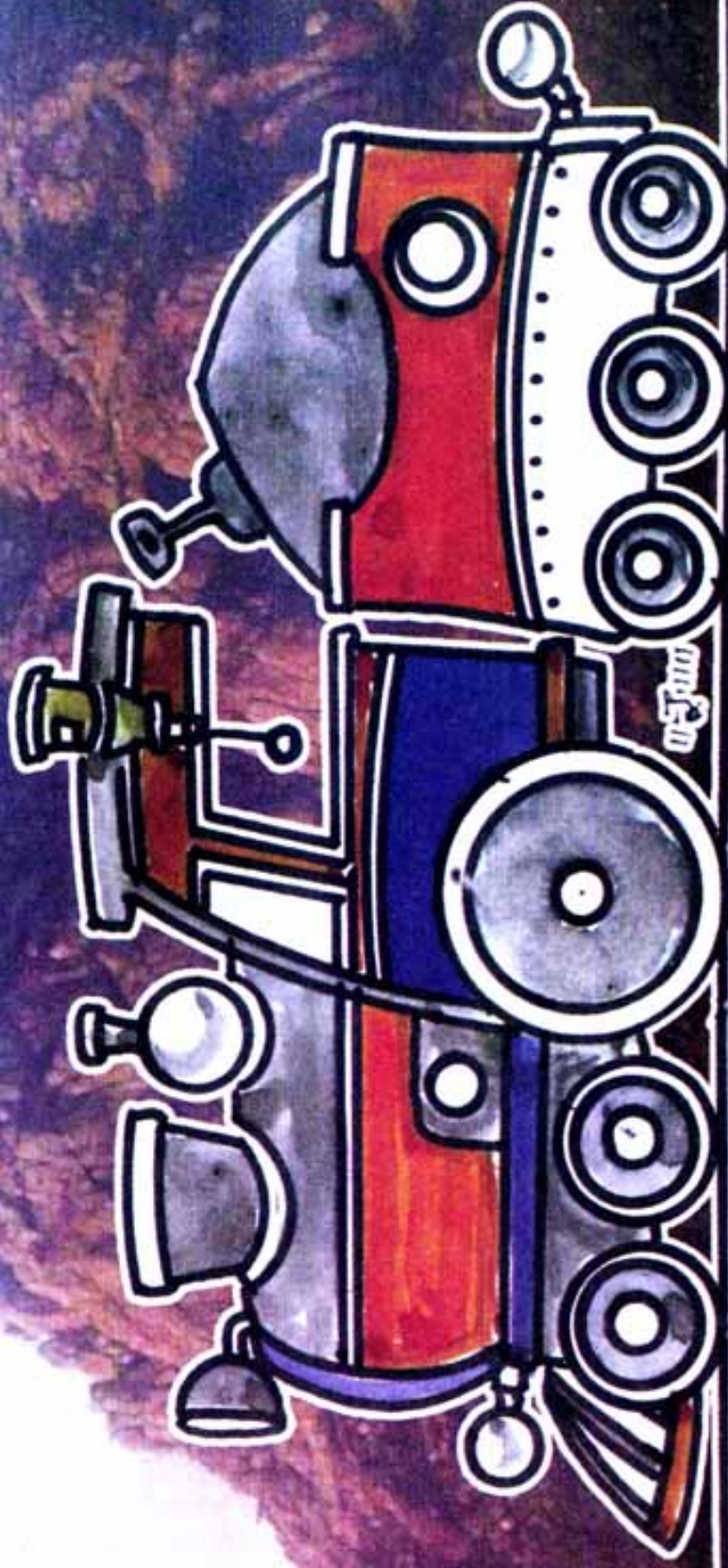
- 8) Lionel Messi
- 9) Sania Mirza & Mahesh Bhupati
- 10) Indira Gandhi
- 11) Sunil Gavaskar
- 12) Wrestling
- 13) London
- 14) Rio de Janeiro
- 15) Guangzhou, China

- 1) Fencing
- 2) Sumo Wrestling
- 3) Karate
- 4) Triathlon
- 5) England vs. Australia in 1877 at Melbourne
- 6) Foot ball
- 7) Karnam Malleswari

Answers:



**Choo..choo..the engine chugs along
the mountain path. Find out the correct
number of circles on this express.**



The Olympic games are a major international event featuring thousands of athletes from all over the world competing in a variety of competitions. Unfortunately this mega event has also been plagued by many controversies. Mentioned below are a few such Olympics which have become famous for the wrong reasons.

1936 Berlin Olympics: Hitler wanted to showcase his Nazi ideals through the Olympics. Though Germany topped the medal tally, the hero of the games was an American Black, Jesse Owens who won 4 gold medals. An angry Hitler stormed out of the stadium without congratulating the athlete.

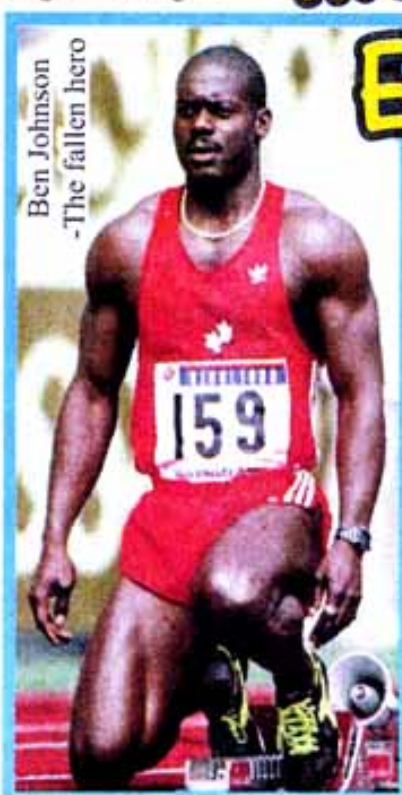
1972 Munich Olympics: Disaster struck when members of a Palestinian terrorist organization killed two Israeli athletes and took nine others as hostages. Rescue operation was attempted but it failed and the rest of the hostages were killed too.

1980 Moscow Olympics: Soviet

invasion of Afghanistan angered the US who along with sixty four of its allies boycotted the Olympics. In all only 81 countries participated. This in turn led to a return-boycott by Soviet and its allied nations of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

1988 Seoul Olympics: Ben Johnson, a Canadian won the 100m gold in a record time of 9.79 seconds. But his urine sample confirmed traces of a banned performance enhancing drug, and he was

Infamous Events!



stripped of his gold medal.

1996 Atlanta Olympics: On June 27, a bomb went off in the Centennial Park and killed one spectator and injured 111 others.

**Puranjan Dev,
Std. VI, Buxi
Jagabandhu School,
Bhubaneswar**

Aishwarya Shankar celebrates her 13th birthday on the 23rd of August. We wish her all the best for the new academic year. May god bless her with a bright and prosperous future.

Best Wishes from father

L.V.Shankar, mother Padma, sister Aparna and grand parents

Jyotsna.A celebrates her 4th birthday on the 16th of August. We wish her a very happy birthday. May the gods shower her with their choicest blessings.

Best Wishes from cousins

Aarth and Preethy, Ramesh uncle, Shanthi aunty and grandparents

Sreya Santhosh celebrates her 6th birthday on the 25th of August. We wish her many, many happy



Cakes 'n' Candles

returns of the day.

Best Wishes from **Sruthi Santhosh, parents and relative**

Adithyan.C.S. celebrates his 5th birthday on the 8th of August. We wish him a healthy and happy life.

Best Wishes from father **Suresh Kumar, mother Leena and brother Adersh.C.S.**

Vote for your Poster II - Results

As expected Mahatma Gandhi, the 'father of the nation' won the May month's poster competition hands down. Shows that he still lives in the hearts of millions of Indians even decades after his death. And his birthday, October 2nd is celebrated not

only in India but also across the globe as 'International Day of Non Violence'. His firm belief in *satyagraha* and *ahimsa* attracted millions of followers not just in India but also inspired movement for civil rights and freedom across the world.



B.Mano



Aishwarya



Adithyan



A.Jyotsna



Mano.B celebrates his 5th birthday on the 6th of August. Wish you a very happy birthday and prosperous future.

Best Wishes from all the children of Jawahar HSS and NPTI (SR) complex, Vellore

Our dearest friend **J.Swetha** celebrates her 13th birthday on 27th of August. We wish her a happy and fun-filled birthday.

Best Wishes from C.M.Swetha, Richa and Nikhta

Roshan Prahaladh celebrates his 7th birthday on the 7th of August. May god help him to become a great cricketer and play for the nation. We wish him a happy birthday and a successful life.

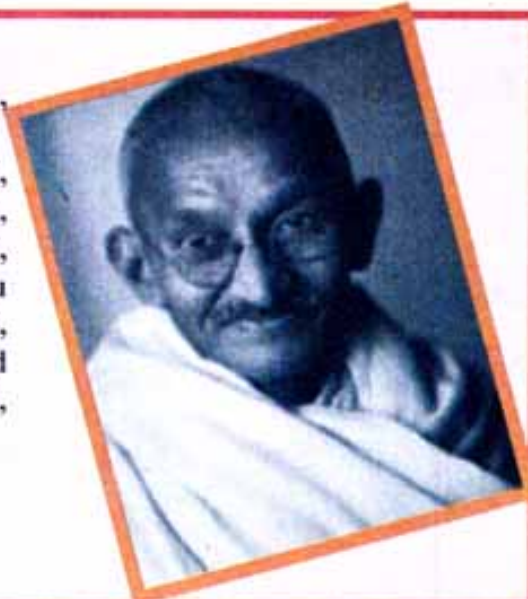
Best Wishes from parents and Raghav Kishore

Ravi Prakash.N celebrates his 14th birthday on the 4th of August. May the heavens bless him with success and happiness throughout his life. A very happy birthday.

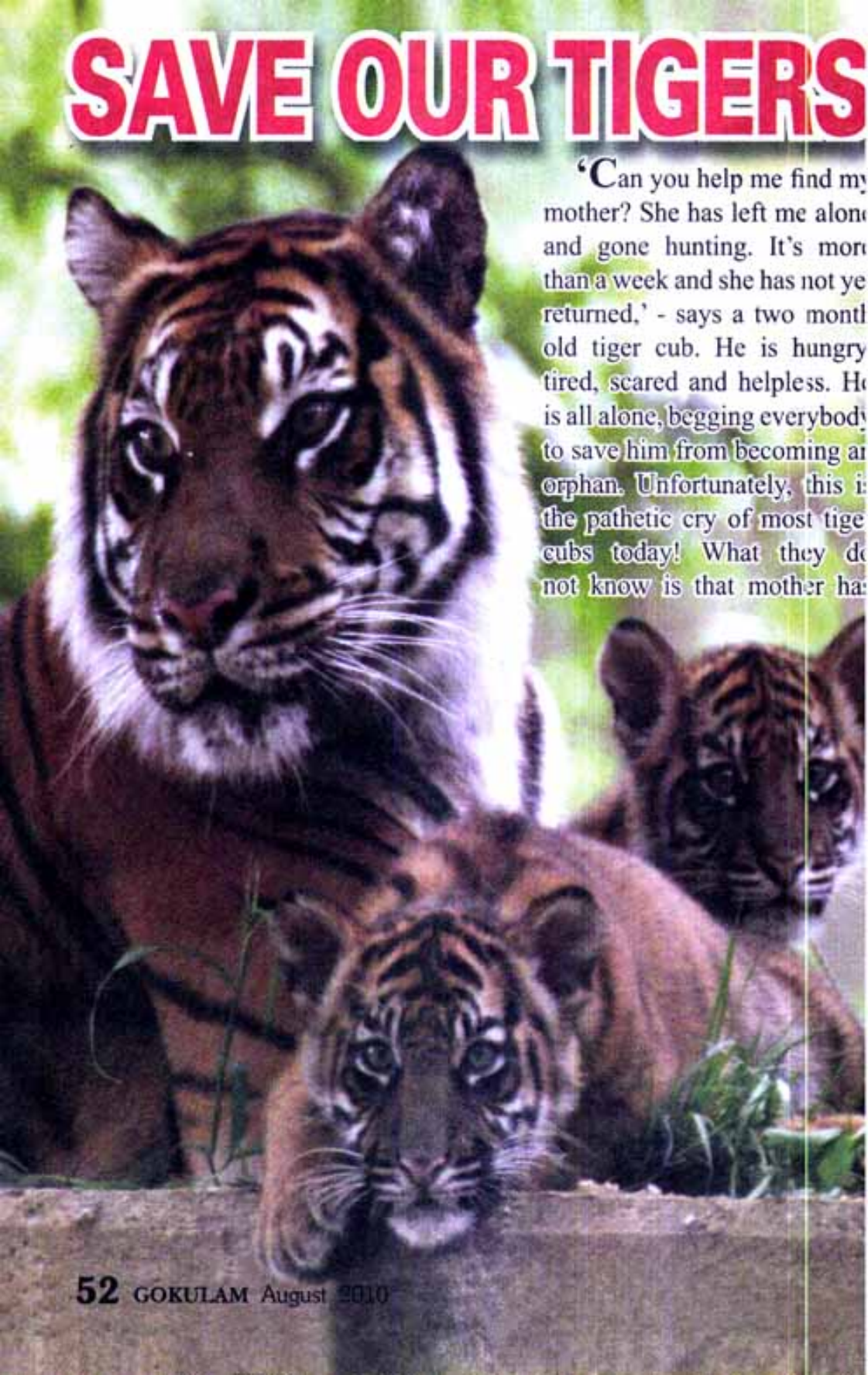
Best Wishes from amma, appa and akka

The names of the winners are :

- 1) **Arya Sunil, Std.VIII, Vivekananda KV, Port Blair**
- 2) **Jashanjib Mukhopadhyay, Std.VIII, Mahesh Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, Kolkata**
- 3) **Vrishanka Isloor, Std.VIII, St.Pauls English School, Bengalooru**
- 4) **Kashyap Addanki, Std.X, St.Joseph's Public School, Hyderabad**
- 5) **K.S.Dhulasi Vinothini, Std.VII, BMC MHSS, Tuticorin**



SAVE OUR TIGERS

A large tiger is the central focus, looking towards the left. In the foreground, a small tiger cub looks directly at the camera. To the right, another cub is partially visible. The background is a soft-focus green forest.

'Can you help me find my mother? She has left me alone and gone hunting. It's more than a week and she has not yet returned,' - says a two month old tiger cub. He is hungry, tired, scared and helpless. He is all alone, begging everybody to save him from becoming an orphan. Unfortunately, this is the pathetic cry of most tiger cubs today! What they do not know is that mother has

allen prey to merciless hunters and poachers roaming about in the jungles of our country.

A television documentary film 'Save Our Tiger' was launched a few months ago exhorting all Indians to protect our national animal. This touching visual raised various questions regarding the status of our national animal. According to the latest census, out of the 40,000 tiger population in the last century, only a mere 1411 are left.

The Global Tiger Workshop conducted in 2009 highlighted the main causes - excessive poaching and habitat loss - for the sharp decline in their population. The production of 'traditional' medicine using tiger bones and claws is one of the major reasons why they are hunted.

A recent study organized by WWF(World Wildlife Fund) in 2010, discussed the effect of climate change on the Royal Bengal Tiger. It has been estimated that by 2070, the sea-level will rise 11.2 inches above the present level and may gulp the entire mangrove forest of Sunderban National Park (West Bengal). And along with the

mangroves, the tigers will also disappear. The beautiful animal is also threatened by the greenhouse gas effect and is likely to become extinct by the end of this century.

Project Tiger was initiated in 1972, by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The most recent Tiger Task Force, headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, has once again decided to frame more stringent laws, and clamp down on all poaching networks.

As citizens of this country, it is time for us to act. Let us become more responsible towards our environment and put in our best effort to help maintain our earth's ecological balance. Let us ensure that forests are not cut down to facilitate human habitation and development. It is high time we heard the cry of our national animal and let them live peacefully in their natural habitat. Let our forests resound with their roars!

**Shifa, Std.V,
Kanachur Public School,
Mangalore**

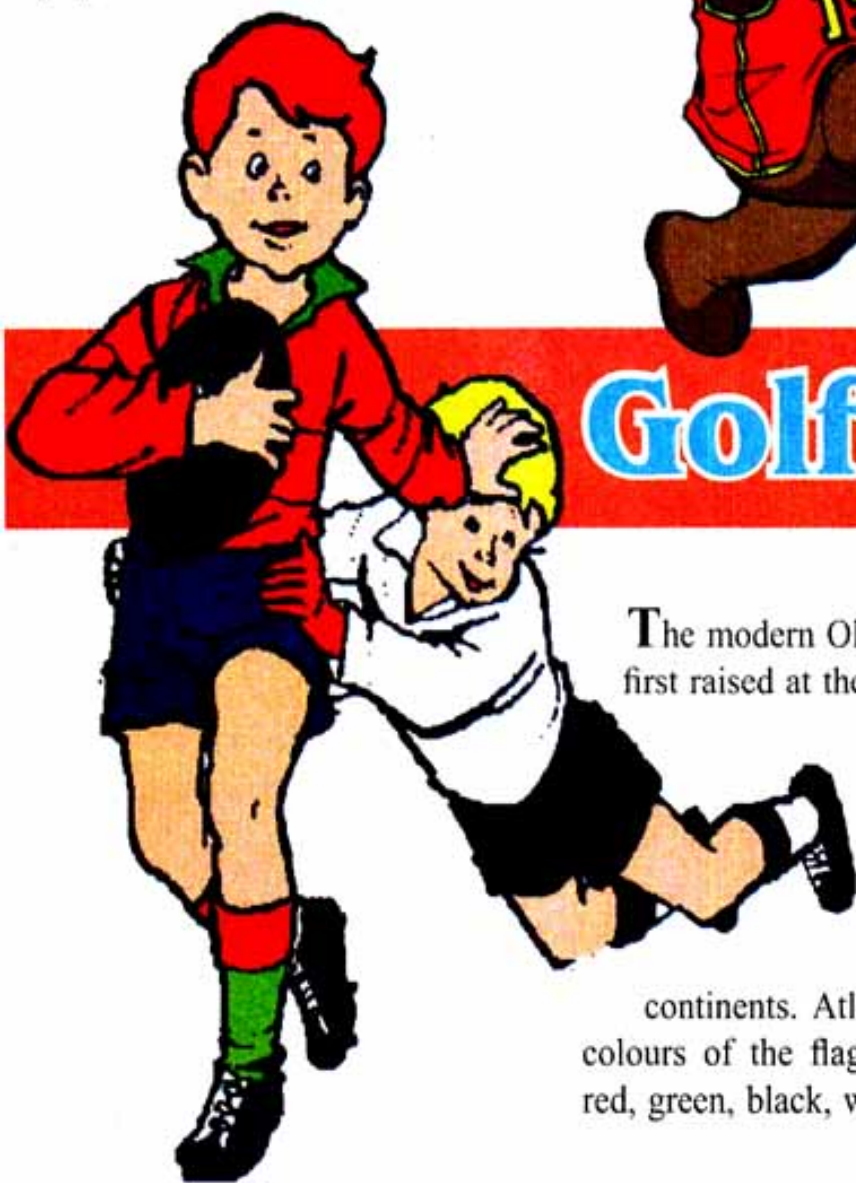
Lala Amarnath was the captain of Independent India's first cricket team on its tour to Australia in 1947.

**Rushab.R.Bhandari, PUC
1st year, Rotary P.U.College,
Ranebennur**

Basketball was invented by Dr.James Naismith, a physical education instructor in

Massachusetts, USA in the year 1891.

**G.Monisha Gengashri, Std.X,
PSGR Krishnammal HSS,
Coimbatore**



Golf on

The modern Olympic flag was first raised at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics.

The five interlocking rings of the flag represent the five major continents. Atleast one of the colours of the flag (blue, yellow, red, green, black, white) are found

the flags of all the nations
of the world.

**M.Saishankar,
Std.VII, Chennai**

The Olympic Oath
was first taken at the
1920 Olympics in
Antwerp by Victor
Boin, a Belgian
fencer/ water polo
player.

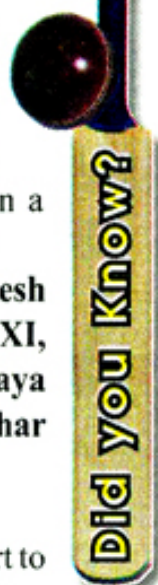
**S.Gohula Sundar,
Std.XI,
Kurinji MHSS,
Karur**



originated in the
1800s when the
first member of
a team to score
three strikes
in a row won a
free turkey.

**Awaneesh
Shukla, Std.XI,
Chinmaya
Vidyalaya, Unchahar**

Golf was the only sport to
be played on the moon! Alan



the Moon!



In 1823, while playing football
in his school 'Rugby' in England,
a young boy ignored the rules and
picked up the ball with his hands
and ran with it to score a goal. This
gave birth to a new game, the rugby,
which was named after the school.

**C.S.M.Harish,
Std.VIII, Vedavalli Vidyalaya,
Walajapet**

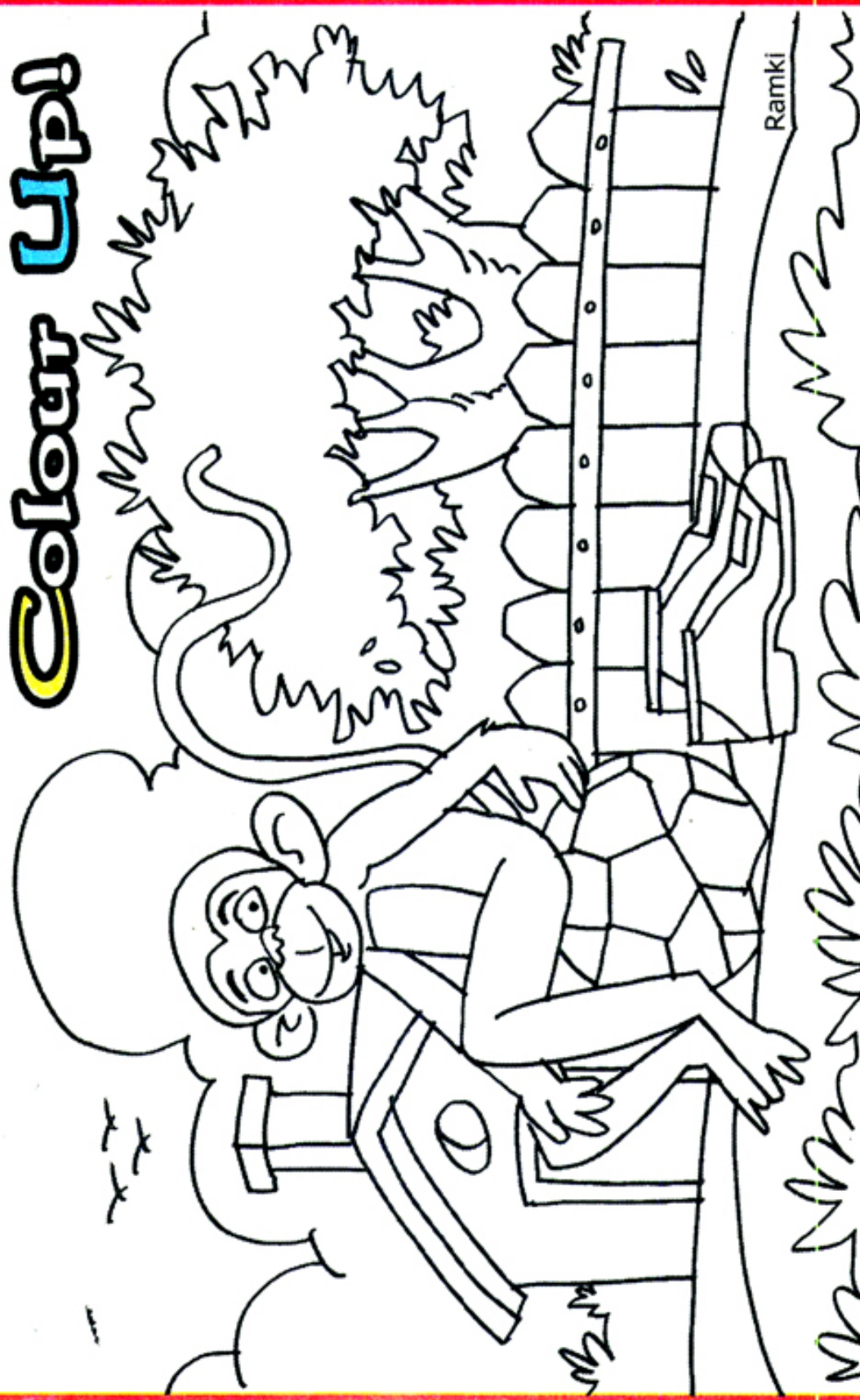
In bowling, three strikes in a
row was called a turkey. The term

Shepard, the American astronaut hit
a golf ball in 1971 on his mission
to the moon as the commander of
space ship Apollo 14.

A regular soccer ball is made
up of 32 leather panels and held
together by 642 stitches. 20 panels
of these are white hexagons and the
rest are black pentagons.

**Chandni, Std.X, Bharthi
Vidya Bavan, Hyderabad**

Colour Up!



Ramki

Dear children,

Guidelines for you while ending in contributions to Gokulam:

1. Write down your name, class, name of your school and complete residential address at the beginning of each contribution. We will not accept any contribution with incomplete details.

Make Sure & Take Care

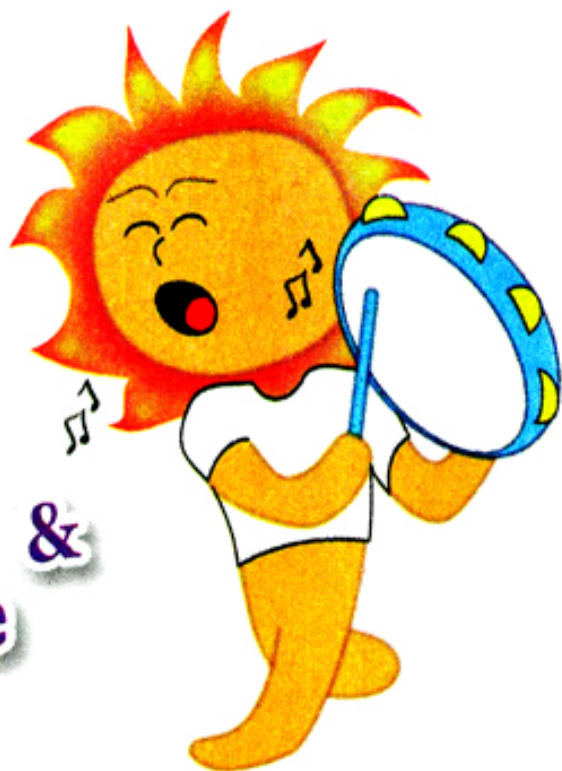
2. Make use of A4 sheets and write on one side of the paper, leaving the other side blank. Do write legibly.

3. Number your pages and if your contribution runs to more than two pages, then write your complete personal details at the back of every page.

4. Contributions by e-mail are welcome... do give complete details including your e-mail id at the beginning of each mail.

5. The best contributions will be published and a certificate will be sent to the contributor. Do preserve your certificates, for the child with the maximum number of certificates will get a bumper prize at the end of 12 months ending each June).

6. Competition entries must reach us



before the last date mentioned.

7. All answers to competitions must be written in the respective page/ grid. **Entries to competitions through e-mail/ Xeroxed copies/ A4 sheets will not be accepted.**

8. Entries to Happy Birthday (Birthday Bash) and theme based contributions (eg., Diwali, New year, Republic Day, Environment Day, Teacher's Day, etc) **should reach us two months prior to the respective events.**

9. We are looking for original stories, experiences, amusing anecdotes and articles, but if you have based your writing on any source, then do acknowledge it.

10. **No copying, please!**

Please make sure that you take care of the Ten Commandments!

Attention!

Picture



Nal Nangai
Age: 12, Transition
School, Auroville,
Puducherry



Nikita Mehra Sid: VIII

The Badminton Champ



Sarmistha Mishra
Std: VII, B.J.E.M School,
Bhubaneswar



Perfect



Manasvi Patil
Std: VIII, New Horizon
Public School,
New Panvel(W).

R.K.Malini
Std: VIII,
JHSS, Neyveli.



M.Bharathi Manonmani
Std:IX,
Kamaraj MHSS,
Nambiyur

Shreyanka Shetty
Std: IX, Sri Kumaran
Children's Home,
Bengalooru

CHAPTER 7

Synopsis of chapter 6:

Padma encounters Harish once again during her sports practice. She decides to take the binoculars from the science lab to spy on the night intruders. Meanwhile, selection for the school drama takes place with Padma being chosen for a minor role. Padma uses the binoculars that night and discovers that the mysterious figure is none other than Harish and confronts him about it the next day.

The aftermath of the binocular incident put Padma in a bad light and soon all the teachers who entered the class began giving her a second glance while Professor Ramakanth started picking on her more than ever. Even some of her classmates screwed up their noses when they passed by as though she had committed a major crime. However, Mau, Sid, Sad and Babu backed her and in fact praised her courage to have 'pinched out' the binoculars from Mister Acid's lab. Padma was touched by this and

Misty Heights

Unfortunately for Padma, Professor Ramakanth complains to the principal about the binoculars and she is reprimanded for it. A humiliated and upset Padma vows to get to the bottom of affairs. Now read on..



considered herself blessed to have such good friends.

"Let's take turns in becoming nocturnal guards," Sadil proposed. "Tonight we boys will stay awake."

The proposal was taken into consideration and executed immediately but to their disappointment, for the next week or so, the kids didn't spot any more lights heading towards the woods.

The Harish episode was momentarily forgotten as the school geared up for its interhouse sports meet. The star

athlete was Mau and as she charged at the goal post dribbling the ball in front of her, the audience began hailing her as 'Mau-Dona' after the famous footballer Maradona.

It was a mini-celebration for the five as all of them were selected to represent Misty Heights in the annual inter-school sports meet.

However, the selection to represent the school meant more rigorous training on the field which called for them to be at their practice nets by 5 a.m. in the morning. This along with the after school drama sessions clubbed with month-end preps sapped the five friends so much that they were drooping like lifeless twigs by the time they hit the sack. They had no more energy left even to think of the distant jungle lights.

However one night, nearly a month after their



GEETA CANPADEE

had their backs facing her but she could clearly discern the silhouette of Harish. However his partner was much taller and slimmer than him and though the shape seemed ambiguous, there was a sense of familiarity about him and Padma waited with bated breath for him to turn around.

Meantime Mau had a peek through the lens and she too felt that the person walking next to Harish was vaguely familiar. As she was about to hand over the binoculars to Padma the figures came to a halt and made a u-turn, to face her.

And at the sight of Harish's companion, Mau's hands trembled and she went speechless with shock. Padma quickly peered through the lens and experienced the same shock. Both their eyes

There, standing next to Harish was none other than PROFESSOR RAMAKANTH! The figures lingered for some more time debating something before disappearing into the thick of the jungle.

"Oh my God, what the hell is Acid upto and why with a student?" Mau turned to look at her friend who seemed to have lost her speech.

"I...I...don't know," Padma muttered rather restlessly. "Hope it's just a mid-night jungle trek by two eccentric people." She got back to her bed feeling a little

more concerned about Harish now. He might have been nasty to her of late, harsh and vindictive too, but he was her childhood friend and

*Mau's hands
trembled and...*



*...she went speechless
with shock!*

Dear Children,

We are sure you all had lots of fun solving the language puzzle 'Word Play-1'. As usual we have given clues to guide you through the puzzle. Each clue indicates a three lettered word. Each of the three letters can be found in the three words mentioned against each clue. Grab your pen and start filling up!

Fill in the form on the reverse of this page and send your entries to Gokulam before 25.8.10

WORD PLAY - 2

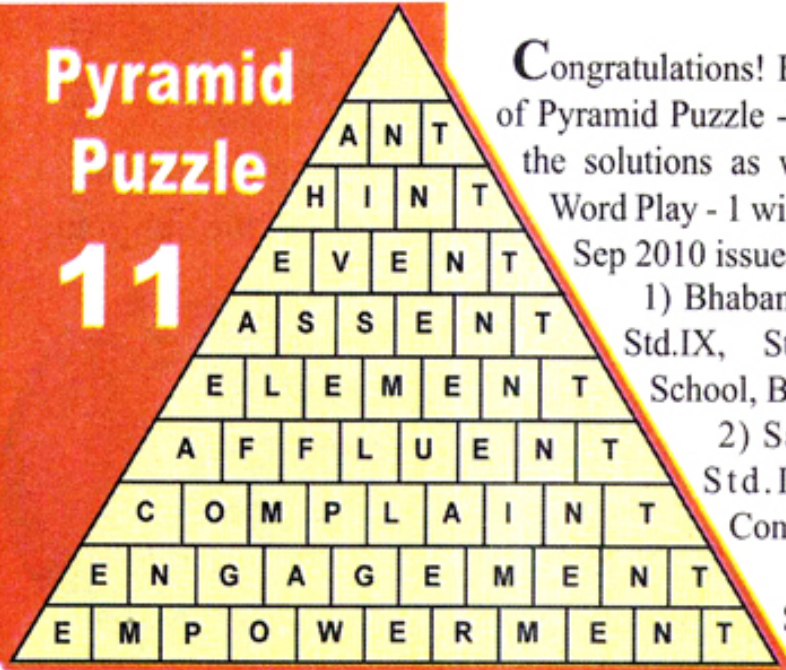


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4	Attach	FAT	SIT	AXE	
5	Strange	ODE	DID	DOG	
6	A Star	SAD	NUN	NEW	
7	Income	PAR	MAR	YES	
8	Tell	SAW	BAY	MAY	
9	Container	JAM	MAN	CAR	
10	Fight	ORE	BOW	VOW	

- G.S.S.

Pyramid Puzzle

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Congratulations! Here are the winners of Pyramid Puzzle - 11 (June 2010) and the solutions as well. The results of Word Play - 1 will be published in the Sep 2010 issue.

1) Bhabani Shankar Mohanta,
Std.IX, St.Francis Sr. Sec.
School, Bilaspur

2) Sarisha.C.D'Souza,
Std.IV, St.Michael's
Convent, Karwar

3) S.Roobasri,
Std.X, St.Joseph's

MHSS, Koothapakkam, Cuddalore

4) S.Prityush, Std.VII, N.P.M.HSS, Chennai

5) Sandhya Ravi Iyer, Std.IX, St.Jude HS, Pune

WORD PLAY - 2

Entry Form

Name : (Mr/Ms)

Age :

Class :

School :

★Residential Address :

.....Pin.....

Signature :

★ Local address is a must for overseas entries.

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47-NP, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ekkaduthangal, Chennai - 600 032.

● Strictly for school going children ●Five lucky winners will get a cash award of Rs.50/- each. They will be decided by a draw of lots from out of the all correct entries. ●Entries with completed grid on the reverse accepted on this form only ●No xerox copies. ●Editor's decision is final and binding.

Researchers have found that fish talk with each other! It is a secret language of grunts, growls, clicks and snaps! Shariman Ghazali of New Zealand's Auckland University says that the underwater world is not a place of deep silence. It is abuzz with the sounds of fish, sweet talking to the opposite sex, warning others of danger, giving directions or just chatter! So, henceforth don't describe anyone as a "dumb fish"!

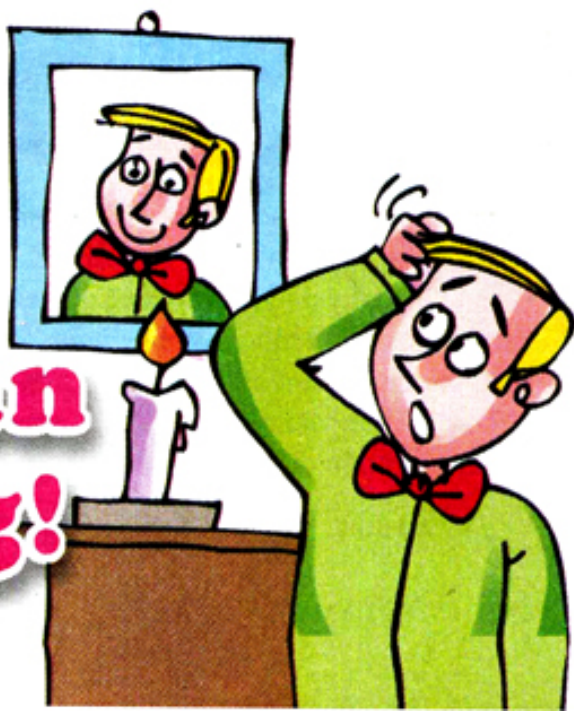


Can you imagine a person trying to prove that he is not dead? This is exactly what Claude Pretorius of Johannesburg, South Africa, is doing! He wanted to obtain a

passport but found that as per official records he was a dead person! He has been trying to correct the error since 2006 but has not yet succeeded!

It has been a great month for sport lovers, and football took the pride of place. Johannesburg Soccer City Stadium saw the inauguration of World Cup football on June 11. It was a grand affair which included cultural events. South Africa played host to football champs from all over the world. The finals took place on July 11, when Spain achieved a

Deadman Talking!





Saina - Winner thrice over!

Open. Again, she won and retained her Indonesian open title! Three cheers for Saina.

thrilling victory over Holland. The great surprise was the defeat of Brazil, Argent and Germany in the previous rounds.

Saina Nehwal made India proud completing a hat-trick of world class victor in badminton. The first was the Indian Op Grand Prix Gold in Chennai. This was followed by a great win at the Singapore



Wimbledon results were on expected lines. Rafael Nadal won the men's final and Serena Williams, the women's final. Shockingly,

Roger

Federer was bundled out during quarter finals! His opponent Tom Berdych played a tremendous game but lost to Nadal in the finals. Roger promised a come back to his fans through the press!

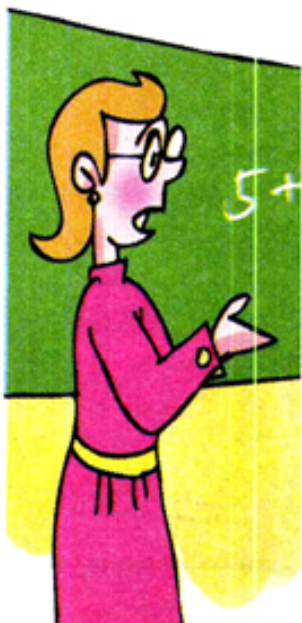


Grass - court Champions

a couch potato, and watching TV is bad. Now, researchers in Iowa State University, U.S.A., have found that daily playing of video games or computer games creates attention problems in boys and girls. Sixty seven percent of the students under study were affected. Their attention weakened which resulted in poor absorption of lessons.

A wealthy woman, Gail Posner left all her

All of us know that being a



wealth to her three pet dogs. The dogs wear \$10,000 worth necklaces! She had five persons to take care of the three dogs and by her will gave her entire estate to them with the condition that they look after the dogs properly! They are to act as Trustees

and the real beneficiaries are the dogs! Her son Bret Carr has filed a case to claim the estate valued at \$11 million!



The government of India has decontrolled the price of petrol which will now be linked to crude oil prices in the world market. It has partially decontrolled the price of diesel also. The

net result is that the prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and kerosene have shot up. This will naturally lead to price increase of all commodities. The opposition called for a nationwide one day *Bandh* to protest against the government's decision.

Novelist John Grisham, who has written several thrillers based



on lawyers and court-room dramas is upset that J.K.Rowling overtook him as the world's No.1 best selling author! So he is now planning to introduce a 13 year old aspiring lawyer Theodore and build a series of stories around him! Grisham feels that the 'Theodore' magic will work with teenagers and help him to get back his No.1 status! Good luck, John!

Some interesting facts about FIFA World Cup:

⚽ The 18 carat gold trophy is 14.2 inches high and weighs 5.175 kg. The World Cup winners retain the trophy till the next tournament when they are awarded a gold-plated replica.

⚽ Zakumi was the mascot for this World Cup. The official match ball for this tournament was Jabulani, manufactured by Adidas.

⚽ The FIFA world cup is the most widely viewed TV sports event with a cumulative audience of more than 700 million.

⚽ The 2014 World Cup is to be held in Brazil.

Sushmitha.L, Std.XI,
Gitanjali Sr. School,
Hyderabad



*Jabulani

*Celebrating with Vuvuzelas



As always, we received a huge response to our question regarding purchase of new paraphernalia at the beginning of each academic session. Varied views have been expressed – many for it, some against it and a few treading the middle path. The medley of opinions and thoughts should prove to be a great eye-opener to parents, though!



Old or New?

Children like to carry new bags, boxes, etc., to school as it helps create a fresh and new atmosphere. They spend a major part of their day in the school and these new things give them



immense joy and happiness. They feel encouraged to go to school and perform well. Why deny them these small pleasures?

-V.Sankara Narayan, Std.VIII, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chennai;
Keerthi Rajan.K, Std.VI, Don Bosco MHSS, Puducherry; G.Niranjana, Std.X, Puducherry; R.Gayatri, Std.IX, Chettinad Vidhyashram, Chennai; N.R.Akshaya Reddy, Std.XI, DAV, Chennai; Neha Pravin Deshpande, Std.IX, Vijay Nagar HS, Mumbai; Sparsa Chowdary, Std.X, Bashyam Public School, Vishakapatnam; S.Manikandan, Std.XII, St.John's MHSS, Chennai; S.Sree Deekshana, Phuspalata MHSS, Tirunelveli; Nidhi Shetty, Std.X, MTM School, Ulloor; Subham Jyoti Dash, Std.VI, St.Xavier's HS, Bhubaneswar; K.Karen, Std.XII, Nirmala MHSS,

Chidambaram; Reshma Tabassum, Std.IX, Little Flower School, Hyderabad

When students see their friends bringing new things, they too feel tempted. Some students demand new things due to peer pressure.

-S.Venkatakannan, Std.IX, The Hindu Sr. Sec. School, Chennai; Yogendra Varma, Std.VI, Chhattisgarh; Shankar Narayanan, Std.VII, Madhava Kripa School, Manipal

The old bag can be used to store our previous years' books and the new bag could be used for the school.

-Yazhini Anbumani, Std.XI, Bharathi Vidya Bhavan, Erode

Bags and other things are open to wear and tear. So, there is nothing wrong in demanding new things every year. New models of bags and boxes with more features (eg: light weight bags, wheeler bags, non spill lunch boxes, etc.,) enter the market and parents should not hesitate to buy these goodies for their dear children.

-Pranav Kolady, Grade III, Eaton Elementary School, California

If the things are damaged, then children have every right to demand new things. But if the old bags and



bottles are good enough they can continue to use the same goods.

-K.Nirmal Kumar, Std.VI, AFAC English School, Mumbai; Ashwathi Menon, Atomic Energy Central School, Mumbai; K.Adhirai, Std.IX, Cheran MHSS, Karur; K.S.Arputha, Std.VII, KV, Bengalooru; Rajit Nair, Std.IV, Fatima HS, Thane; Amrutha, Std.VI, BGSNP School, Bengalooru; Shaik Ibrahim Ahmed, Std.VIII, St.Michael's Eng. School, Bengalooru; S.Sruthi Lakshmi, Std.IX, Beta MHSS, Chennai; Siddharth.S.Bhat, Std.IX, VPMBR TOL School, Mumbai; Pavithra.N.T, Std. IX, Jawahar School, Neyveli

Instead of spending on new bags and boxes, we can buy good quality note books, reference books and pens which will help in our academics.

-Sushmitha.L, Std.XI, Gitanjali Sr. School, Hyderabad

Children may demand new things provided the old ones are given to the poor and needy children.

-R.Aaditya Ramasamy, Std.VIII, Montfort School, Trichy; Aakriti.S.Ganesh, Std.VI, BGSIPS, New Delhi; Prakash Ravichandran, Std.VIII, DAV, Navi Mumbai

The manufacturers and shop keepers

are having a field day by flooding the market with a variety of things thereby instigating children to demand them. It is a trick by the businessmen and the poor, innocent children get trapped in this.

-R.Deepa Lakshmi



QUESTION FOR THE MONTH:

Do you agree science stream has more value compared to commerce/ arts?

Send us your views by 25.08.2010. Each published entry will receive a prize of Rs. 25/-. Remember to include details of your age, class, school and residential address. Those of you who are non-residents of India should send us a local (Indian) address too. You can send entries by post or by e.mail (gokulam@kalkiweekly.com)

Coimbatore; S.Rakshaa
Vigneshwari, Std.VIII, Shri
Anand Jain Vidyalaya,
Chennai

Children should understand the financial position of their parents before asking for new things every year. With rising school and



transport fees it is not fair to unnecessarily burden parents with new demands.

-S.Mohammed Sameer, Std.X, Velammal MHSS, Chennai; Deepa.S.Kini, Std.X, Govt.P.U.College, Brahmapur; Tania Chatterjee, Std.IX, KV-OCF, Chennai; N.Anushka Dhube,

Std.VII, Pramati Hill View Academy, Mysore; Priyadarshini.S, Std.VI, St.Mary's UPS School, Thiruvananthapuram; A.Nandhitha, Std.IX, Mamta Modern Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi; S.Pranaav, Std.VIII, Carmel School, Bengalooru; T.S.Sadhana, Std.IX, Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Hosur; Maanasa Natrajan, Std.VII, Jnanodaya School, Bengalooru; S.Sreenidhi, Std.IX, Vivekananda Vidhyalaya, Chennai; Vishwajith Puthillam, Std.V, Acts Sec. School, Bengalooru; K.L.Parvatha Varthani, Std.X, Smt.D.C.V.Vidyalaya, Chennai; L.Rishwanth, Std.XII, Christ the King MHSS, Kumbakonam

Asking for new things unnecessarily is an unhealthy habit. If handled properly, bags and boxes last two to three years.

-R.Prasanth, Std.XII, Deepika (EM) School, Rourkela; Akshaya Parthasarathy, Std.XII, Vidyodaya Academy, Chennai; T.Mridula, Std.VII, Hyderabad; Revati, National Public School, Bengalooru; K.Krishna Prabha, Std.IX, KV, Chennai; Preetishree Sharma, Std.XI, KV, Puri; Tanusri Gururaj, Std.III, DPS, New Delhi

Children should remember that they go to school to study and not to show off their new things. They should concentrate only on their studies and new lessons and not on new bags!

-K.Sreevidya, Std.IX, B.D.Memorial Institute, Kolkata; D.Kavya, Std.VIII, R.K.Model School, Chittoor; R.Nandhinee, Std.IX, Little Flower Convent, Ranipet

While young children can be got new things every year, older children can issue need based demands.

-Swarnalakshmi.M.V, Std.X, KV-1, Calicut

Dear Grandma,

I want to be an astrophysicist in future. How should I go about it? Can I pursue this course abroad later on?

- Lakshmi Ajaykumar, Mumbai

Dear Lakshmi,

The dictionary meaning of astrophysics is, "that branch of physics which deals with the physical or chemical properties of heavenly bodies". It is a vast subject dealing with everything about the stars and planets. For example, there are several theories on how our earth was formed millions of years ago. Astro scientists say that star formation is a continuous process and new stars are being formed even now! All these and much more come under the subject of Astrophysics.

It is a fascinating study because the mysteries of the universe have not been fully unravelled yet. There is enormous scope for further research in universities in India and abroad. However the subject has to be taken up at post graduate level. Right now you can concentrate on Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

she is in another section. Whenever I see her these days I feel like talking to her, but I hesitate. What should I do?

- Sri Nandhini, Trichy

Dear Sri Nandhini,

The very fact that you feel like talking to her again, proves that you value her friendship and that you regret having broken away. It was probably a very small, silly matter over which you quarrelled. The best way to patch up is through a mutual friend whom you can trust. She can carry your message of reconciliation and also arrange for a meeting. When that takes place give her a flower, a warm handshake and

Mysteries of the



I had a friend last year. But I fought with her for some reason and stopped talking to her. This year

smile. Begin a conversation by saying, "let us forget the past and start a new chapter of friendship." However before all this, be true to



Universe!

yourself
and be sure that you
want her back as a friend.

I want to have pen-friends, but some of my friends say that it is a dangerous hobby. What should I do?

- A.Akaash, Chennai

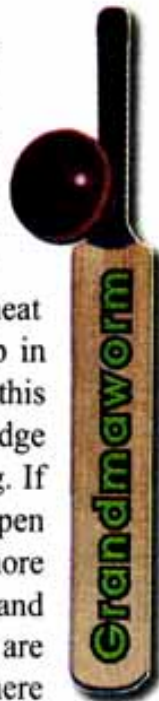
Dear Akaash,

There is no danger in having pen friends provided your parents approve of the letters you send and receive. It is possible that some bad

person gets to know of your address, writes to you and misleads you into doing wrong things. Such people are our worst enemies, for they act as friends only to cheat us. True pen friends help in exchange of ideas and this improves our knowledge and power of reasoning. If you have foreign pen friends you can know more about their country and vice-versa. Pen friends are quite safe as long as there is no secrecy.

I am fourteen years old. I have written a book entitled, "Janet in Heaven". This is my first book. I want to be an author in future. What is your opinion?

- Vinotheeba Reginald





Dear Vinotheeba,

Wow! Fourteen years old and already an author of a book! Have you found a publisher? It doesn't matter even if the answer is, "no, not yet". The urge to write is more important than getting it published. The art of story telling is not perfected easily. The more you read books written by others, the more your experience in writing, the better. Your understanding of the art, your style and language skills will improve step by step. However, I would advise you to keep writing as a hobby for now and concentrate on your studies. If the budding author flowers into a professional writer later on, well and good. If not, your education will stand by you and help decide your career.

I am a ninth standard student and have enough homework to do -

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like records, projects etc., besides preparing for tests and exams. My parents want me to go for entrance coaching also! I feel it is too early and that I will not have time for relaxation of any kind. What am I to do?

- S.Aparna, Nanthencode

I do agree that it is a bit early for entrance exam coaching. First of all, you have to make up your mind on what you want to be in future and then opt for the proper entrance exam coaching. However, the concern of your parents on your future well being cannot be questioned. I would therefore suggest that you have a frank discussion with your parents on your aspirations as well as present work load. There is no problem on earth which cannot be solved with a little understanding of each other's viewpoint. Wish you a glorious future.

**Love,
Grandmaworm**





Champion Swimmer



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Personal Information

Full name – Michael Fred Phelps
Nick name – Baltimore Bullet, MP
Nationality – USA
DoB – June 30, 1985
Birth place – Baltimore, Maryland
Parents – Fred and Debbie Phelps
Siblings – Sisters Whitney and Hillary

Club – North Baltimore Aquatic Club
Specializes in – Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley
Favourite Music – Rap (DMX)
Favourite movie – (Austin Powers)
Car – (Cadillac Escalade SUV)

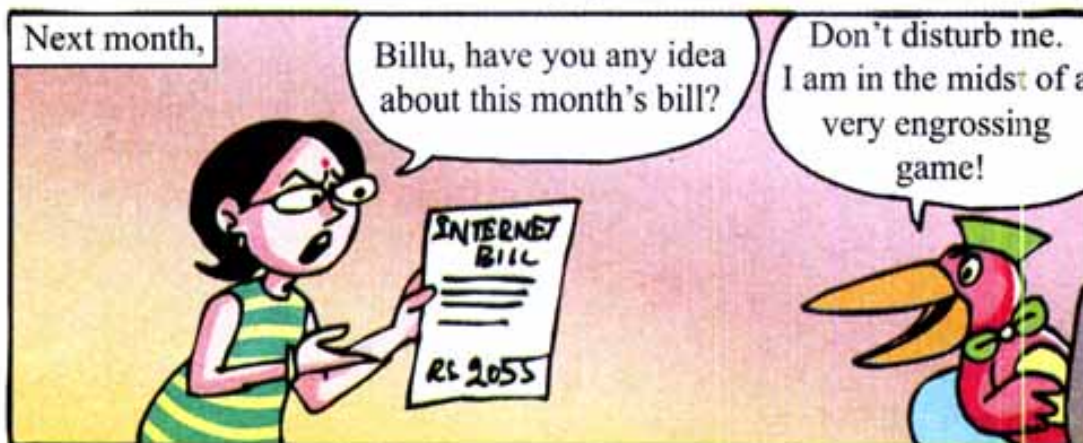
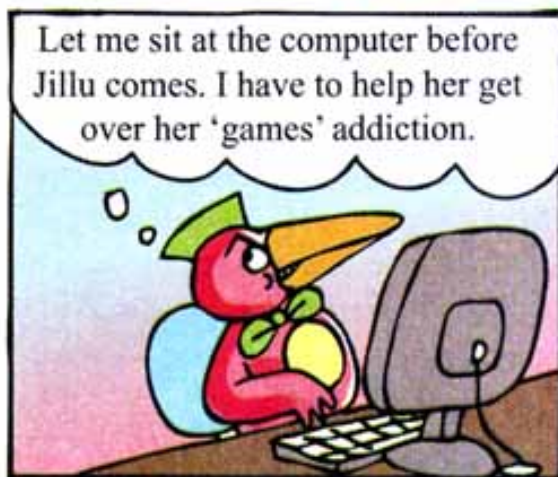
Height – 6ft 4 in
Weight – 88 kgs
Arm span – 200 cms

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